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Changes for Stock Exchange

Sweeping changes are on the way to the internal structure of the Stock Exchange, after the ruling council considered the options yesterday. One proposal is the sale of "seats", making market entry expensive for outsiders. However, the Government may be reluctant to support such a system.

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South Africa last night rebuffed a conditional offer to withdraw Cuban troops from Angola and condemned the "unacceptable language" of the communiqué issued by Cuba and Angola

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Aintree arson

Becher's Brook has been damaged by fire, 12 days before the Grand National. Last year, the fence was almost destroyed by fire.

Francome fined

John Francome, the champion National Hunt jockey, was fined a maximum £2,500 by the stewards of the Jockey Club for a riding offence at Newbury

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Leaders fall out with EEC on brink of deal

From Julian Haviland and Ian Murray in Brussels

The European Community heads of government stumbled when success seemed to be in their grasp at the Brussels summit early yesterday evening.

Two days and a night of intensive negotiation had yielded progress on all related problems, notably control of the Community budget and the size of Britain's contributions to it. In return, there was provisional agreement on increasing the Community's resources by nearly £4,000m a year from 1986.

There was also sympathetic support for a proposal which would have allowed the Irish dairy industry to increase production, while other countries cut back. But before the Irish Taioseach, Dr Garret FitzGerald, could accept the offer made to him by the French president from the chair, Mrs Margaret Thatcher and several other prime ministers objected to it so strongly that he walked out and refused to return.

From then on, it all began to unravel. West Germany, in apparent disregard of the principles on which a solution to Britain's budget problem had been canvassed by President Mitterrand since the start of the year, made an offer which was unacceptable to Britain.

Chancellor Kohl suggested a rebate to no more than £600m in each of the next five years, with no possibility of an extension. This would be a repayment of only half the British net contribution.

Apart from the fact that, in Mrs Thatcher's eyes, it was too small, the British had made plain from the beginning that any solution must last as long as the budgetary problem lasts, and that payments should be related to each member country's national wealth.

The German intervention brought negotiations to a halt, but after an adjournment, the British returned to the table with a counter-proposal. Mrs Thatcher said she would accept a repayment of £600m this year and £750m in 1985 on condition that agreement was reached for a permanent corrective mechanism to be in place from 1986. But this proposal found no favour.

Dr FitzGerald aggued that the Irish dairy industry should be allowed to grow by 40 per cent over the next five years, rather than be reduced at all. In response, the French presidency put forward a a plan which would have allowed Ireland to increase production this year by a million tonnes more than provisionally agreed.

The marginal cost for the Community of disposing of this excess milk production is about £120m of which Britain would have to pay about 7 per cent.

Irish sources said that the Taoiseach would have accepted this compromise, with a half-promise of an extension in future years. But before he could respond, the Dutch, the Danes and Mrs Thatcher objected – and Dr FitzGerald walked out. He left his Foreign Minister, Mr Peter Barry, in the council to maintain a block on other agreements.

The other leadders got on with arguing how to secure a reduction in Britain's net contributions and, at the same time, about a system to ensure that any change in Britain's favour would endure.

Officials had produced various formulae during the night and morning.

The opening positions on Monday were about £300m apart. President Mitterrand, in his preliminary diplomacy, had won the agreement to offer Britain a cut of about a half in net contributions, leaving about £600m to pay.

Mrs Thatcher had said at the Athens summit in December that she would pay no more than £300m and shocked the council on Monday by refusing to budge from that figure. To try to sweeten the atmosphere, a move was then made to reach provisional agreement in increasing the Community's resources – which most other countries have been desperate to do.

Here, Mrs Thatcher made a reluctant move from her position of refusing to even consider it until there was an agreement on her budget claim and stricter control of spending. After discussion, she agreed to support a move to increase the resources by upping the receipts from value added tax from 1 per cent to 1.4 per cent from 1986.

● **Lisbon visit:** Mrs Thatcher will visit Portugal from April 17 to 19, it was announed in London yesterday. She will be the first British Prime Minister to go there for more than 70 years.



Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader, who shouted "Beware the Ides of March" as he left

Scargill resists meeting on ballot

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor
Sheffield

Left-wing leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers yesterday resisted moves by moderate coalfields for an executive meeting that could call a national ballot on the miners' strike.

As the stoppage entered its second week, Mr Arthur Scargill, the Union's president, and Mr Peter Healthfield general secretary, came under pressure from militant areas to reaffirm the hard-line strategy of backing strikes as they occur.

The two officials, who have sole responsibility for reconvening the executive, decided the conflicting demands from the politically divided coalfields did not warrant an emergency session.

Five moderate areas have asked for the executive to meet, including Nottinghamshire, where illegal secondary action by flying pickets from the strike bound Yorkshire area yesterday continued their campaign to "picket out" miners who have voted to work normally.

Two more areas have called for a national ballot

However six militant areas, understood to be dominated by the striking coalfields of Yorkshire, South Wales, Kent, Scotland and north Derbyshire, are urging the leadership not to waver from its March 8 decision to give official support to miners who stop work over pay and pit closures.

Mr Heathfield said: "I am contemplating no action because there seems to be a division of opinion that makes it unwise to intervene.

"I think the decision that was passed on March 8 was a very clear declaration of intent compared with the conflicting views expressed by the areas."

Mr Heathfield and Mr Scargill conferred yesterday on rival policy directions being proposed by the different areas and questioned whether it would be right to hold a national ballot in which profitable, moderate areas could combine to end the growing "strike for jobs".

Mr Heathfield asked: "Can you justifiably say to miners working in relatively successful coalfields, 'You have the right to determine whether people working in less successful coalfields can defend their jobs'?

Moderate leaders from Nottinghamshire, North Wales, south Derbyshire and Lancashire will be angered by this assessment but it now seems unlikely that the executive will be reconvened before next week.

● The Kent miners yesterday lost their court action to ban police from stopping them travelling to picket other collieries.

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Defence secrets found in call box

By Stewart Tendler and Rodney Cowton

A document identifying 23 British and American scientists, Servicemen and officials involved in a highly-classified radar defence project has been discovered in a telephone book at Heathrow Airport.

The project, named as "Cold Witness" in the document, is so sensitive that the Pentagon will not discussits existence.

The Ministry of Defence told *The Times*, yesterday: "You have chanced on something about which we cannot really talk. I cannot even tell you what the project is about. Unfortunately it is genuinely classified."

The document was found more than two weeks ago by Mr John Johnson, a recreation centre assistant, who lives in South Benfleet, Essex. He was



Mr Johnson: Passed document to *The Times*.

waiting for his wife in one of the airport terminal and noticed the edge of a piece of paper protruding from behind the plastic back to a public telephone booth.

Mr Johnson, unable to understand the three-page document, passed it to *The Times*.

He said: "It was about nine or ten at night. The document was left unfolded. Most of it was hidden but you could see the corner of it poking out". There were only two or three people waiting for last flights to go. I did not notice anyone using the booth."

The document appears to be typewritten on white A4 paper. Handwriting on one page points out the difference in codes between dialling British numbers from the United States and within Britain.

"Cold Witness" is believed to be an advanced radar project being conducted by the United States Air Force, the United States Navy and US civilian contractors. The Ministry of Defence Procurement Executive is also involved.

The document is headed "Cold Witness" and then "Address List".

Underneath are individual telephone numbers for researchers at two American companies engaged in defence work. One is SRI International and the other is the Mitre Corporation, of Bedford, Mas-

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Economic growth is best since 1978

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The British economy grew by 3 per cent last year – its best performance since 1978 – to push national income above its pre-recession peak for the first time.

National income at the end of 1983 was 7.5 per cent above its trough in the spring of 1981 and 0.75 per cent higher than the spring of 1979, just before the downturn began.

These figures are based on the average measure of gross domestic product issued by the Central Statistical Office yesterday. But they conceal a marked discrepancy between the three measures – output, income and expenditure – which make up the average. In theory, all three should be equal.

During the present recovery, however, the output measure has consistently grown more slowly than the other two, which suggests that some economic activity maybe going unrecorded.

In the fourth quarter of last year the average measure rose by 1.5 per cent. The output measure – considered the most reliable guide to short-term movements of the economy – increased by 0.5 per cent, but the income and expenditure measures jumped by 2 per cent or more.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, reaffirmed in his Budget speech last week that he expected the economy to grow by 3 per cent again this year.

Kenneth Fleet, page 19

Hoskyns to lead directors

Sir John Hoskyns, head of Mrs Thatcher's Downing Street policy unit from 1979 to 1982, has been appointed to succeed Mr Walter Goldsmith as director-general of the Institute of Directors from July 1.

Sir John, who will have a five-year contract, previously founded and ran his own computer software company and has since become a director of ICL and several other companies.

Although once a conduit of its abrasive free enterprise message to the Prime Minister, he is seen as something of a catch for the Institute. Its influence has grown rapidly under Mr Goldsmith.

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Lebanon talks end in disarray

From Robert Fisk

The latest effort by Lebanon's rival political leaders [illegible] by the Syrians – to end the nine-year civil war and create a new government ended in almost total failure last night, with Muslim leaders walking grim-faced out of the last session of the talks, with little more than a list of good intentions to show for their nine days of talks.

All the delegates could agree on, it transpired, was a "recommendation" to form a government of national unity, a commission for national reconciliation and reform of the constitution that would meet in Beirut "within six weeks" and a "consolidation" of the already-fractured ceasefire in Beirut.

As he forced his way out of the Hotel Beau Rivage at Lausanne amid hundreds of Swiss security police, reporters and camera crews, an unsmiling Mr Walid Jumblatt, eyes staring fixedly in front, shouted: "Beware the Ides of March". Mr Jumblatt always has a noisy and rhetorical touch to his statements, but after so grave a failure at Lausanne, they are the sort of words that could have grim repercussions. Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia muslim Amal leader, forced his own way through the crowds muttering only: "It is finished, it is finished." Several heavily-armed bodyguards walked behind him, carrying suitcases.

The conference's final statement reportedly included a reconfirmation of the results of the earlier talks in Geneva in which delegated agreed on Lebanon's "Arab identity". Delegated in Lausanne agreed that 32 people – who are unnamed and whose religion was unspecified; should sit on the commission for national reconciliation and constitutional reform, but no indication was given as to where it would meet in Beirut or whether it could be expected to sit within the next few weeks.

A recommendation to form a government of national unity fell far short of the actual formation of such an administration and virtually none of the reforms demanded by opposition leaders were included in the final conference decisions.

It has been evident by last weekend that the conference was unlikely to achieve any of its aims and that the most that could be expected was a face-saving formula of little substance and even less immediate significance to events in Beirut.

For Mr Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Vice-President, whose own proposals were on the list to be put forward, the results of the conference are bound to have an effect on his political career and reputation.

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Two barred from Communion

By Clifford Longley

A curate's wife and a country solicitor have been barred from Holy Communion in the Church of England by the Bishop of Winchester, Dr John Taylor, because of their alleged relationship.

The decision, which according to legal authorities is a form of excommunication, is apparently unprecedented in memory in the Church of England.

The bishop's decision was announced in two churches in Hampshire on Sunday, and yesterday he issued a statement explaining it.

The church would be failing in its duty to its members, he said, if it allowed those who committed "a serious and public wrong" to remain in good standing.

The Rev John O'Connor, Vicar of Ringwood, Hampshire, said yesterday that the couple



Mrs Fiona Oakes: Wife of a curate.

were Mr Rowan Brockhurst and Mrs Fiona Oakes, both of Poulner. Mrs Oakes's husband, the Rev Jeremy Oakes, is the curate of the church in Poulner.

Mr Brockhurst said that he was "very deeply upset". Mr O'Connor said that Mr Brockhurst had recently resigned as a deputy churchwarden and parish committee member in Poulner.

Mr Brian Hanson, legal adviser and provincial registrar to the General Synod of the Church of England, said that it was the first such case he had ever come across. The latest legal precedent was a case heard before the First World War.

According to *Halsbury's Laws of England*, the refusal of Holy Communion under Canon B 16 is sometimes referred to as "Lesser excommunication". The formal penalty of excommunication was once available as a penalty in the ecclesiastical courts, and although this has been abolished, an "extra-judicial declaration" of excommunication is still within a bishop's powers.

Nimeiry suspected of raid

Suspicion is growing that last week's bombing of Omdurman near Khartum was carried out not by the Libyan Air Force, as the Sudanese Government has claimed, but by a Sudanese aircraft acting on the orders of President Nimeiry.

The principal target of the raid was said to be the home of the imprisoned opposition leader Sadiq al-Mahdi. Libya has consistently denied the bombing and Western governments say they have no conclusive evidence of Libyan involvement as alleged by Sudan. **Full report, page 10**

Duke of Devonshire to sell 70 Old Master drawings

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Christie's announced yesterday that it had been commissioned to sell 70 Old Master drawings for the Duke of Devonshire, worth about £7m, after the collapse of negotiations with the British Museum for their acquisition by the nation.

It is the most important sale in its field since the 1930s. The Devonshire collection at Chatsworth was formed by the second Duke of Devonshire in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth century. He brought extensively at the sale of Sir Peter Lely and that of Rembrandt's pupil, Govaert Flinck.

The drawings for sale have been selected as a cross-section of the Chatsworth collection, which contains about 2,000 drawings.

The names of the artists represented in the sale would each make headlines on their own. There is a study of saints by Mantegna, four caricatures by Leonardo da Vinci, three drawings attributed to Raphael, and a range of drawings of



Detail of a Holbein drawing of a scholar or cleric, and detail of Rembrandt's "A view on The Amstel near Kostverloren".

outstanding quality by lesser masters of the Italian school.

From the North, a Holbein protrait is the earliest in date, followed by three important sheets by Rubens, four sheets by Van Dyck – including one of the earliest and most beautiful of English landscape drawings – and no less than eight extraordinary landscape drawings by Rembrandt.

Had the long drawn-out negotiations to sell the whole group of drawings to the nation succeeded, the British Museum could not have afforded the purchase from its own funds. The National Heritage Memorial Fund was therefore closely involved in the deal.

With the important tax concessions available on private-treaty sales to the national institutions, they appear to have been negotiating around the £3m mark for the collection.

The British Museum's own valuation of the collection of drawings seems to have come out substantially below that put on them by Christie's on behalf of the duke. The heritage fund then sought an independent valuation from Agnew's, the Bond Street picture dealers, which corresponded fairly closely with the British Museum rather than Christie's figure.

While there seem to have been some straight arguments

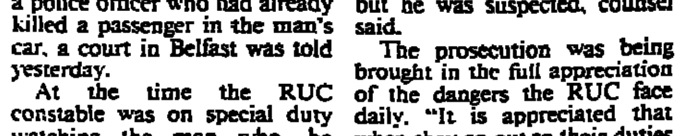
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RUC officer shot unarmed man at close range, murder trial told

From Richard Ford, Belfast

An unarmed terrorist suspect was shot dead at close range by a police officer who had already killed a passenger in the man's car, a court in Belfast was told yesterday.

At the time the RUC constable was on special duty watching the man who, he believed, might be involved in an murder attempt.



Constable John Robinson, aged 29, fired 15 bullets from his pistol before allegedly reloading it and firing another four bullets at an "exceptionally close range" into the suspect's body.

His account of the shooting in Armagh City was incompatible with forensic evidence counsel for the prosecution said at Belfast Crown Court, where Constable Robinson denies murdering Seamus Grew, aged 31.

He died with a fellow member of the Irish National Liberation Army, Roderick Carroll, aged 22, when the police fired on his car near a housing estate in Armagh City 15 months ago.

Both unarmed men were shot seven time by PC Robinson, whose address was given as RUC headquarters.

The prosecution alleged that PC Robinson fired 15 bullets into the passenger door killing Mr Carroll before walking around the car and firing more shots from a range of between 2ft 6in and 3ft at Mr Grew, who was unarmed and offered no resistance.

"This was deliberate shooting carried out in circumstances which must have made it clear that the deceased was not using a weapon at all," counsel alleged.

Constable Robinson's duties on that day could bring him into contact with members of the Provisional IRA who might be armed and would not hesitate to open fire on him, the court was told.

Mr Grew had not been wanted for any criminal offence but he was suspected, counsel said.

The prosecution was being brought in the full appreciation of the dangers the RUC face daily. "It is appreciated that when they go out to their duties they are facing a potential armed enemy, one who is not prepared simply to avoid capture but whose whole aim and objective is to shoot police officers when the opportunity presents itself".

The hearing continues today.

Shooting charges

Three men were accused in Belfast yesterday of attempting to murder Mr Gerry Adams, Provisional Sinn Fein MP for west Belfast, in a city centre ambush.

Gerard Welsh, aged 33, an unemployed butcher, Colin Gray, aged 27, an unemployed labourer, and John Gregg, aged 26, all from Rathcoole, Belfast, were also charged with possessing firearms and ammunition. They were remanded in custody for six days.

Mr Welsh, who was also accused of membership of the illegal Ulster Freedom Fighters between June, 1983, and March, 1984, appeared with Mr Gray at Belfast Magistrates' Court.

Official in court

A woman civil servant aged 22 with the Department of Health and Social Security will appear at Belfast Magistrates' Court today with her parents on charges connected with the murder of the Maze Prison official, Mr William McConnell.

Man questioned

Scotland Yard anti-terrorist squad detectives yesterday questioned a "most wanted man" about IRA activities in Britain (the Press Association reports).



HMS Invincible sailing home to Portsmouth yesterday. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Invincible crew return from tour with mixed feelings

By Colin Hughes

Officers of HMS Invincible, which returned home to Portsmouth yesterday, face the task of rebuilding their ship's morale after an eight-month "fly the flag" tour in the Far East which was beset by planning difficulties, adverse home publicity and mechanical failure.

Junior ratings resented having had to carry out extra duties such as serving at cocktail parties and forming human gangways for visiting dignitaries, and having their itinerary repeatedly altered by mechanical and political hitches.

Disgruntled crew members complained that bad publicity in the British press after the ship's stopover for repairs in Singapore brought a clampdown by officers. One rating said: "The whole point of this trip was to show Invincible off and it flew in their faces so they got shirty".

Others said that the malcontents were unused to the menial jobs expected of ordinary sailors on a big ship over a long voyage.

Commander Julian Chestnutt admitted that morale was very low when he arrived on board Invincible after she had been sailing for three months. It was four months before the crew enjoyed a full free week of shore leave in Sydney.

"Things were strained but we have ironed it out since" Commander Chestnutt said.

One senior officer complained that on a three-day stay in Bombay he had spent one hour ashore. "All the rest of the time we were entertaining, showing off the ship to industrialists and ministers and meeting the public on open days. The lads had to do their bit too and that started the problem."

Plans to visit Japan were cancelled when the Japanese Government feared anti-nuclear protests after the refusal by Australian dock unions to repair Invincible because the Ministry of Defence would give no assurance that she was not carrying nuclear weapons.

An engineer said as he waited to clear his family's gifts through customs: "This trip was billed as fun in the sun but after the cancellation people came to feel the ship was plagued."

One of his friends disagreed: "Most of us were fed up at one time or another but things have calmed down. A lot of it was blown up by the press back here and that caused some anger."

The Ministry of Defence marketing manager, Mr John Ledlie, told a press conference on board that he expected the trip to win up to £250m extra orders for British defence equipment, including more Sea Harriers for India.

Diplomatic stakes led by Oxford

An educational survey of more than 1,000 British diplomats has shown that nearly two out of three went to Oxbridge.

Confirmation that Sir Humphrey Appleby s alive and doing jolly well in this enclave of Whitehall came in a written Commons answer olast night from Mr Ray Whitney, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the foreign Office.

The accent was on Oxfor, with 321 – several lengths ahead of Cambridge, with 290. London was third with 101, overseas universities produced 53, Edinburgh 23, Manchester 21 and Bristol 20. The breakdown covered 1,006, the majority at the Foreign Office, in Havana and elsewhere.

The only other universities to score double figures were Aberdeen 0, Durham 15, Glasgow 11, Leeds 11, St Andrew's 13 and Sussex 11.

Reuter ban hits second agency

Services provided by the Press Association, the national news agency, were severely curtailed yesterday when most of its staff, who are members of the National Graphical Association, decided not to cross a picket line mounted by NGA members at the Reuter agency, which shares the same building in London's Fleet Street.

A two-week strike by NGA members at Reuter over a pay claim has disrupted the agency's service and led to a picket line being mounted on its offices by the union.

Dartington Hall relaunch

Dartington Hall School, near Totnes, Devon, its finances ailing and its progressive tradition tarnished by the controversy surrounding the resignation last September of its headmaster, Dr Lyn Blackshaw, yesterday relaunched itself in a £6,000 campaign with a new prospectus, a new disciplinary procedure and a new practical image.

While the changes were announced at a press conference in London, Mrs Beth Blackshaw, wife of the former headmaster, protested outside

Girls win fight to save home

Eleven teenage girls yesterday won their High Court fight to save their community home in Bristol from closure, at least for the time being.

Mrs Justice Heilbron said that Avon County Council had failed in its legal duty by not giving first consideration to the welfare of the children before making any decision to close the Crescent Community Home in Downend Bristol.

Sellafield beach clean-up

A clean-up of radioactive debris from 15 miles of holiday beaches in West Cumbria begins tomorrow. The debris is the result of discharge from the Sellafield plant of British Nuclear Fuels.

Monday Club rebels may attend inquiry

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Members of the Monday Club suspended because of their involvement in the Camberley Group, which the club says was formed with the aim of taking it over, are to be allowed to attend next week's executive council meeting at which their expulsion will be considered.

The six who have been suspended, headed by Mr John Pinniger, the former paid political adviser, have been told they can be accompanied by one or two friends who are members or make statements in writing.

Mr Pinniger, Mrs Eleanor Parker, Mr Derek Land, secretary of the club's immigration committee, Mr Nicholas Parker, Mr Ian Fatheringham and Mr Simon Pearce face either a reprimand, a suspension for a specified period or expulsion. A seventh member, Mr Simon McIlwaine, has resigned already.

The club has said its decision to suspend Mr Pinniger and his colleagues was based on evidence of a "clandestine and unethical plot" to take over the club.

Members of the Camberley Group, however, have said the group was formed to moderate the club and steer it back into the mainstream of Conservative policy becuause it had failed to purge itself of extremists.

The Monday Club said yesterday that the decision to suspend Mr Pinniger and his colleagues was based solely on some minutes of a Camberley Group meeting – accepted as being genuine – produced at the executive council meeting on March 8.

A second set of minutes, which Mr Pinniger had challenged, had been referred to the police and no discussion was held on those.

The club pointed out that Miss Michele Cooper, who *The Times* reported last Friday was among six other members who had left the club, had now renewed her subscription.

It said the other persons mentioned in *The Times* were all ordinary members who were proposed for membership by Mr Pinniger or Mr McIlwaine.

It added that the Camberley Group's supporters had produced no evidence about its "moderating" purpose.

The Oman affair

'Muckraking' MPs condemned

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, yesterday attacked the "grubby Politics" of Labour MPs who have pursued the Prime Minister's role in obtaining the Oman university contract for Cementation.

Government frustration and anger are becoming more and more acute as the publicity nags on. It is accepted in some Whitehall circles that advisers misjudged the press

The issue was raised yesterday in the Commons by a Conservative backbencher, Mr Andrew Mackey, MP for East Berkshire, who said that British commercial and trade interests in the Gulf were being damaged by Labour's "irresponsible muck-raking".

Mr Biffen said: "What is goo for grubby politics is rarely good for this country".

Mr Terry Patchett, Labour MP for Barnsley, East, said that a Conservative backbench motion, in defence of the Prime Minister, had attractd only 179 signatures.

He asked whether the signatures more than 100 short of Conservative backbench strength indicated support for Mr Edward Heath's view that the Prime Minister should volunteer a full statement.

Conservative ministers and MPs wonder what can be done to help their leader surmount a difficulty which they say is none of her making.

There is a readiness to criticize Mr Mark Thatcher for involving his mother in his business, and a degree of certainty among senior Tories that her son keeps his distance from official visits

Rate-capping opponents look to Lords

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Councillors opposed to rate capping turned to the House of Lords yesterday as the Rates Bill passed unscathed through its Commons committee stage.

Lord Sandford, Conservative chairman for the Association of District Councils, arranged a meeting at Westminster for 100 crossbench peers to emphasize the strength and diversity of opposition to rate-capping in the shires and cities.

Speakers included leaders of the Conservative-led Association of county Councils and the Labour-dominated Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

The three associations made it clear at the closed meeting that the failure of the committee to modify the Bill's capping powers increased the Lords' responsibility to reflect deep-seated resentment to the Bill.

Labour MPs on the committee prolonged debate about the early clauses so that discussion of the later parts would be curtailed by the Government's guillotine. The later parts include powers to cap the rates of all but the smallest councils in England and Wales.

The Conservative committee members outnumbered opposition MPs by 17 to 11. They voted down all the Labour and Alliance attempts to restrict and dilute the capping powers.

1,000 more computer jobs on way

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

More than 1,000 new jobs are to be created by the American microcomputer manufacturer, Commodore, in Corby, Northamptonshire, scene of a recent British Steel plant closure.

The new plant will require an initial £6m investment which is expected to grow to £2m.

The company has an advance factory at present employing about 200 people, of whom 70 per cent are aged under 25. A Commodore spokesman said: "They are quite suited for that kind of work. We can take more technicians than the local college can produce."

About 600 jobs will be created in the initial phase and this figure will grow to 1,000 within two years.

Two thirds of the ouput is destined for export to Europe, the Middle East and Australia.

Two of the company's microcumputer models will be built at the 10-acre site – the Vic 20 and the Commodore 64. These are among Britain's top-selling brands.

Fines double for straw burning

By John Young

New model by-laws to enable local authorities to restrict straw and stubble burning were published by the Government yesterday. The maximum fine is raised from £1,000 to £2,000, and Mr Michael Jopling, the Minister of Agriculture, said that farmers would ignore them at their peril.

The by-laws include a ban on burning at night, at weekends and on Bank holidays, wide firebreaks to protect houses, hedgerows, trees and standing crops and a requirement that farmers incorporate the ash into the soil within 36 hours. Each fire must be restricted to an area of no more than 25 acres, with a gap between fires of at least 150 metres. They must be supervized by two rsponsible people, with adequate fire-fighting equipment readily available.

Mr Simon Gourlay, deputy president of the National Farmers' Union, last night welcomed the controls and urged all district councils in arable areas to adopt the by-laws and to prosecute offenders.

The union is aware that a further rash of complaints from the public this summer will make pressures for a total ban almost irresistible.

Sale room

Scottish museum pays £81,000 for statue

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The Royal Scottish Museum, of Edinburgh, carried off the star piece in yesterday's sculpture sale at Christie's against fierce competition. The museum paid £81,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) for a marble statue 114cms high of Arthur St Clair Anstruther Thomson as a child. He is naked apart from a little drapery which he clutches over his genitals.

The young boy, with a fine head of curls, is the work of Aimé Jules Dalou and dated on a stone at his feet "Dalou 1877". Dalou came to Britain as a political refugee from the overthrow of the Paris Commune. He was an important exponent of the new naturalistic sculpture of the late century, along with Rodin.

The next highest price was £24,840 (estimate £23,000 to £28,000) for a fine pair of nineteenth century Italian marble busts of a "North African man and woman". It echoes the fine negro figures made in Venice in the previous century and the masculine figure is signed by Natale Sanavio of Padua.

The recent sharp upward swing in prices for nineteenth century bronzes was again underlined. A fine gilt bronze group of a Persian hunter on horseback with a leopard by Alfred Dubucand made £10,250 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000). A large bust of Semiramis by Emile Hérbert made £6,696 (estimate £1,500 to £1,800). The sale totalled £212,878 with 17 per cent unsold.

Christie's sale of English drawings included an early Constable which sold to Leggatt's in line with this month's high prices for the artist. A mountainous vista entitled "Langdale Pikes from Elterwater" and dated 1806 sold for £10,260 (estimate £4,000 to 5,000).

There were some particularly fine Callow watercolours and prices demonstrated that he is most valued when following his hero Bonington as closely as possible. His grandiose watercolour of "The Grand Canal, Venice" made £14,040 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000) to Christopher Wood while the same dealer had to spend £8,100 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000) for his view of "Verona: Corso Sant' Anastasia" of 1855.

The sale totalled £244,760 with 14 per cent unsold.

Australian bidding provided the highlights of Phillips sale of Victorian and topographical paintings. Two collectors fought for the star lot, both connected to the sale room by telephone from the other side of the world. As a result Eugene von Guerard's "Aborigines by a fire before Mount William" of 1892 sold for £24,200 (estimate £4,000 to £7,000).

Kim Braden and Peter Wickham, who have parts in 'London Royal'

World listeners to hear a British soap opera

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

An everyday story of London hotel folk will be offered to the 25 million international listeners to the BBC world Service next month in its first global radio soap opera.

***London Royal* is based in a family-owned luxury hotel in the West End modelled on the Goring Hotel near Victoria Station, where some of the sound effects have been recorded. The owner, Mr George Goring, has acted as technical adviser.**

The World Service's forerunner, the General Overseas Service, ran one of the first radio soap operas during the Second World War when *Front Line Family*, a story of a London family in the Blitz, was heard in homes throughout the world. The series ended after the war, but paved the way for *The Archers*.

***London Royal* will go out in 15-minute episodes three times a week.**

Mr Douglas Muggeridge, managing director of BBC External Broadcasting, said yesterday: "We are aiming for good entertainment. But we also hope to convey something not only about London at work and play but also about life in the capital today."

The fictional hotel in "Hyde Park Row" has been in the hands of the Beaumont family for 125 years and the story opens with the proprietors, Owen and Carolina Beaumont, facing a takeover bid from the City.

The coalfields dispute

Kent miners lose action over travel curb

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Kent miners yesterday lost their High Court attempt to prevent the police stopping them leaving their strike-bound coalfield to picket working collieries in the Midlands.

But National Union of Mineworkers' officials pledged to continue secondary picketing. The Kent constabulary said it would continue to turn back pickets before they left the county.

The court hearing in London took place as flying pickets from South Wales and Yorkshire tightened their grip in the Midlands, closing four pits that had been operating normally.

The National Coal Board reported last night that the number of pits working normally had dropped to 38 from 42 on Monday, meaning that less than a quarter of the country's 175 mines are unaffected by strikes.

A further four pits are producing a small amount of coal and nine had men working but were unable to produce. The pits closed yesterday were Bolsover in Derbyshire and Bledworth, Nottinghamshire. Birch Coppice and Coventry collieries in Warwickshire were picketed out when miners arrived for the afternoon shift.

There was another large police presence in Nottinghamshire, where most miners went to work normally and the authorities had been awaiting the outcome of the hearing to see if police tactics would need to be modified.

The Kent area of the NUM decided to seek an injunction against the police after a car carrying Kent miners was stopped at the entrance to the Dartford Tunnel on Sunday.

Despite losing the application for an injunction, union officials said that an action for damages against Mr Frank Jordan, the Chief Constable of Kent, would continue.

Mr Malcolm Pitt, the Kent miners' president, said after the 90-minute hearing: "As far as we are concerned the activities of our members going into the Leicestershire coalfield and other coalfields is perfectly legal and we shall continue doing so".

The application, which was heard in chambers by Mr Justice McNeil, was made in the names of two miners from Betteshanger Colliery, Mr Brian Foy and Mr John Simmonds, who were also supported by the National Council of Civil Liberties.

The union is expected to pursue an action for damages against the police for false imprisonment, obstructing miners' lawful use of the highway and causing a nuisance at the Dartford Tunnel.

The results of miners' ballot in Leicestershire, which has been the centre of the Kent miners' attention, announced yesterday showed 90 per cent against a national strike over pit closures. The result was unsurprising in view of the prospect of fresh jobs in the coalfield when the Vale of Belvoir reserves are developed over the next few years.

● Transport and shipping unions in Scotland pledged yesterday that no coal would be moved from ports or depots, except to hospitals, schools and pensioners.

Standby force evicted

By Craig Seton

Policemen on standby in north Derbyshire received six hours' notice to quit their billets yesterday from a Labour-controlled council which said it did not wish to be seen taking sides in the miners' dispute.

Up to 500 policemen are understood to have been staying in the Speedwell Rooms in Staveley, Chesterfield.

North Derbyshire miners voted against striking by a majority of 16. That result was overturned by the area executive of the National Union of Mineworkers, which ordered the men to strike. Eight pits are now at a standstill and local men are doing the picketing.

In Staffordshire and Warwickshire, where miners voted by three to one against striking, only two out of eleven pits were working normally yesterday as more miners refused to cross picket lines.

Police reject claims of a 'paramilitary state'

By David Cross

Organizers of the national police operation in Britain's coalfields yesterday rejected claims by miners' and Labour Party leaders that the Midlands had been turned into a "paramilitary state".

At a press conference at Scotland Yard, Mr David Hall, chief constable of Humberside who is masterminding the exercise as acting head of the National Recording Centre, said that the police had "neither overreacted nor underreacted" to the miners' picketing.

In upholding the rule of law, Mr Hall said, the police had the difficult job of maintaining a "delicate balance" between the rights of those allowed to picket peacefully and those who wanted to work.

● Lord Denning entered the controversy over trade unions and the law last night with a warning that if they continued to flout the law, they would not survive

Any campaign by the trade unions for a repeal of the 1980 and 1982 employment acts and restoration of the immunities they previously enjoyed would be unlikely to win public support, he said during a lecture in London.

"The ordinary people of England will well remember the abbuses to which immunities gave rise," the former Master of the Rolls said in London during the annual lecture sponsored in his name by the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry.

For more than 70 years trade unions were immune from legal action. "Now, if they disobey, they are liable to fines and damages and to having their assets sequestrated. This has made them concentrate their minds wonderfully. No trade union can survive for long with its assets seized, sequestrated and depleted."

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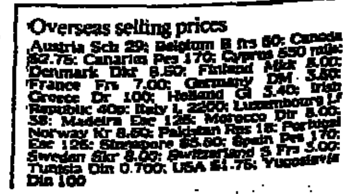
Pickets angered by ban

From Barrie Clement
Mansfield

The police angered miners yesterday by refusing to allow them to picket Thoresby colliery in Nottinghamshire.

A cordon of 200 policemen kept 50 miners, most of them from South Wales, away from the entrance and would not allow them to talk to their colleagues arriving for the morning shift.

An inspector outside the pit said that they were "demonstrators", not pickets, and therefore the police were entitled to stop them approaching the Nottingham miners.



Overseas selling prices

Doctors fear disclosure of records by databank users might scare patients away

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Threats to the confidentiality of medical records by computer databank users may scare some patients away from going to their family doctor or telling him or her everything, and some doctors may stop keeping comprehensive notes, the British Medical Association said yesterday.

The association announced it was pressing for a amendment to the controversial Data Protection Bill to ensure that doctors control the disclosure of medical information, rather than health authorities.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, is to meet doctors' representatives next Monday to discuss the Bill. The association is seeking the introduction of a code of practice to protect patients' personal health information from "improper" disclosure.

The purpose of the Bill is to protect individuals from the misuse of personal information held in databanks, but doctors have become increasingly concerned that the confidentiality of patients' records will not be fully debated while the Bill is still in its committee stage.

The association is seeking an amendment to a clause of the Bill which deals with the controls on the transfer of information from health authority computers to computers used by police, customs and excise and inland revenue departments.

Dr John Dawson, head of the association's professional division, said: "I do not think patients have any idea of how much information about them is already spread throughout a wide network."

We produced examples such as that of a diabetic child. Medical information held by the family doctor would be available to the hospital, district nurse, health visitor, social worker, education department, housing department, community officer and police.

● A government circular to local authorities on access to social service department records has highlighted the need for data protection laws, the British Medical Association says (our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

In a note to secretaries of its 200 divisions in England and Wales, the association says that although the circular is only an interim measure, the Department of Health and Social Security "seems to have rejected the association's call for detailed advice".

The lack of statutory backing for the circular, it adds, points "to the need for legislation in this area".







Hat trick: Annabel Heseltine, aged 20, daughter of the Secretary of State for Defence, modelling a high-crowned hat (top) and two more items of milinery from the 1984 collection of Mr David Shilling, whose work first caught the public eye through his mother who has worn his creations at Royal Ascot for many seasons. Miss Heseltine, who modelled for charity as a debutante is considering a career in the fashion world.

Windfalls wait to be claimed by publicans

By Ian Griffiths

Publicans in Wolverhampton are sitting on a £100,000 windfall which nobody has so far claimed.

The money is available under a scheme which is repaying £1.25m to landlords for a levy raised under the Licensing Act, 1904.

Early twentieth-century social workers felt that some areas had too many public houses, so the Act was passed enabling licensing authorities to close some.

As compensation to the landlords who lost their public houses, a levy was raised on the remaining ones and during the last 80 years this has grown to £5m.

With the fund's winding-up, £2.5m goest to alcoholism research, £1.25m to a fund for former licensed trade employees and the remainder to landlords.

To qualify the public house must have existed since 1904, the applicant must have had a leasehold or freehold interest in the premises from 1973 to 1981.

If a qualifying area has only one claimant, that landlord will get the entire amount. One Worcestershire public house will get more than £68,000 if no other claims are made.

However, the big breweries have still to make their claims, along with the public houses in Wolverhampton and 18 other areas.

Staggered meal times replace family lunch

By Kenneth Gosling

Home cooking is on the way out and traditional family meals have declined to such an extent that more than a third of all households now stagger their mealtimes, according to a survey commissioned by Philips, the electrical products company.

It predicts a boom in microwave ovens, dishwashers and computerized cooking facilities with the rapid change in attitude of women towards the role of housewife and cook.

They are more conscious of their rights to pursue careers and have separate interests, hence cooking and food preparation are playing a far less important part in their lives.

The heart-sinking prospect for all those who still savour the traditional Sunday lunch is that there will be a substantial growth in fast foods, disposable utensils and cheap restaurants.

Mr Tony Cowling, managing director of the Taylor Nelson Group, specialists in food and drink research, which carried out the study, said, "Pre-preparation is becoming an ever more acceptable concept. Kitchens and cookers will incorporate more modern scientific advantages".

While many housewives questioned claim to enjoy being creative in cookery, in practice few of them are often adventurous.

Crowing cock silenced

It was Mr Anthony Harrison's turn to crow yesterday after magistrates at Totnes, Devon, upheld a complaint against his neighbour's cockerel, Cocky.

Mrs Catherine Duffin's appeal against a council noise abatement order on the bird's early morning crowing was dismissed.

The chairman, Mr Lindsey Patterson, recommended that Cocky's wings be clipped

Mrs Duffin, aged 63, a widow, of Tuckenhay, near Totnes, said: "The council said I must catch the cockerel every night and put him in a soundproof box, but I shall kill him or give him away".

Mr Harrison complained that he and his wife Annette had been unable to use their bedroom because they were regularly woken at 4 am by the raucous bird. Its cock-a-doodle-doo reached 60 decibels.

Thames and ITN want to move in if TV-am fails

By Wayne Lintott

Thames Television and Independent Television News are both interested in taking over commercial breakfast television broadcasts, should the financially-starved TV-am collapse.

The Times has seen documents which show that Thames and *ITN* have each reviewed the possibility of a takeover and that Thames has undertaken a feasibility.

Last month TV-am survived the latest in a series of financial crises when it negotiated a cost-cutting agreement with the television unions.

But it still has to find £4m and it is being kept afloat by the financial guarantees of two shareholders, Atken Communications and Fleet Holdings, owners of the Express Group of newspapers.

TV-am has been attempting a recovery since last summer and since then has introduced two new shareholders. Fleet Holdings bought 20 per cent of the company for £2m and Consolidated Press paid £1m for 10 per cent. Existing shareholders provided another £1.5m.

In a memorandum to senior Thames executives, distributed two weeks ago, item 7 reads: "In view of TV-am's recent financial difficulties, the possibility of TV-am being taken over by either Thames of ITN was discussed and the chairman informed the committee that a feasibility study had in fact been undertaken by Thames, a short while ago."

A spokesman for Thames said: "No feasibility study has been undertaken by Thames concerning a takeover of TV-am."

ITN also denied that it was interested in acquiring TV-am, despite its strong representations for the morning broadcast franchise.

School recordings

Schools, colleges and training centres will be allowed to record Channel 4 programmes for educational use under a breakthrough in the treatment of copyright announced by the channel yesterday

Russian dies in 40ft fall

A police investigation into the death of a Russian woman who fell 40ft yesterday from a fourth-floor flat in Bayswater, west London, has revealed no suspicious circumstances.

A post-morten examination revealed that Mrs Luda Klimov, aged 29, died from internal injuries. Her husband is Mr Alecander Klimov, a translator with the International Maritime Organization in London, a UN agency which deals with fety at sea and the previon of marine pollution.

The Soviet Embassy made no comment on the incident and the Foreign Office said it was a matter for the police. Neighbours in the Hyde Park Square block described Mrs Klimov as a "beautiful girl". An inquest will be held.

Brothel-keeping detective fined

Detective Thomas Quinn, aged 30, and his wife, Gloria, 32, pleaded guilty at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court yesterday to running a brothel at North Circular Road, Dublin, between March 14 and June 14 last year. His wife pleaded guilty to managing the Galaxy massage parlour.

The couple, from Castleknock, Dublin, were fined £80 each. Police observed the house after Quinn, "an exemplary policeman", had bought it in December, 1982.

Minister to face church hearing

A Methodist Church hearing into allegations that the Rev Edgar Ford took "sexy photographs" of young women and ran a mailing list service containing the names of 100 women willing to pose for photographers is expected within a few weeks.

Mr Ford, who will be allowed legal representation, could be expelled from his ministry in Deddington, Oxfordshire, if the allegations are proved.

Editor to leave

Mr Arnold Hadwin, aged 55, a Guild of British Newspaper *Editors* nominee on the Press Council, is giving up the editorship of the Bradford evening newspaper the *Telegraph & Argus* the end of the next month, it was announced yesterday.

Greenpeace raid

Cash totalling £1,500 was taken from the safe of the Greenpeace vessel, the Cedarlea, while on a visit to Dublin. The sum represented three days' takings from sales and subscriptions and gifts to the Dublin Clean Seas Committee.

Mystery man

An unknown man in his early twenties found unconscious on a boat at Harleyford marina, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, on Saturday has refused to speak since recovering consciousness at Wycombe general hospital. He is white, 6ft tall, with brown hair.

Faulty breathalyzer leads to quashed convictions

From Our Correspondent, Carlisle

Three men convicted of drink-driving were given their licences back yesterday because of a faulty police breath-test machine.

At Carlisle Crown Court the three men, including a haulier who had pleaded guilty at a magistrates' court hearing, had their convictions quashed. Cumbria police offered no evidence.

After the verdict Cumbria police referred a number of cases where motorists had been convicted for driving with excess alcohol to the Home Office for further consideration.

Robert Best, aged 18, unemployed, of Russell Gate, Roweltown, Carlisle, who was banned for a year by Carlisle magistrates and fined £40, maintained at the hearing in December that he had drunk only two pints of lager and a mouthful of Pernod, although the reading on the Lion Intoxemeter 3000 recorded a figure of 58 and 65 mgs of alcohol.

At his appeal yesterday Mr Raymond Wigglesworth, for the police, said: "The decision has been taken at a fairly high level not to oppose this appeal

At the same time, convictions against Anthony Bell, aged 36, of Kirkbride, Carlisle, a haulage contractor, and Mr Joseph Dent, from Brampton, were quashed by Judge Edmondson.

Mr Geoffrey Clapp, their solicitor, said: "As far as I know this is the first successful appeal on the grounds that an Intoxemeter machine has been faulty."

Father's arrest ordered

A High Court judge yesterday ordered the arrest of a father who has defied a court order and run away with his young daughter for the tird time.

Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss also ordered that ports and airports to alerted in an attempt to stop Mr Alan Fenton, aged 32, leaving the country with his daughter Calu, aged nine, right, who is a ward of court.

Mr Fenton, of Manchester, failed to return his daughter to her mother in London, Mrs Marcia Fenton, aged 27, of Boundary Road, St John's Wood, after an access visit at the weekend.

Mr Fenton first fled to the United States with Calu in 1979 in defiance of a court order. Last September Mrs Fenton was finally given care and control of her daughter.



Redesigned phone directory launched

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

A new telephone directory, to be called The Phone Book, incorporating national and international dialling codes and local information, is launched by British Telecom today.

The Central Manchester area will receive the first new directory. Mr Edward Hopkinson, whose bookstall, 2nd Hand and Rare Books, is its first listing, said yesterday: "I haven't had one since 1980. We've no letter box. I suppose that's the problem."

About 250,000 new directories will be distributed in Central Manchester from today and all of Britain's directories will be replaced by the end of 1986.

The new books, with glossy covers containing a picture of a local landmark, will all have the same basic design containing five sections: local information, dialling codes (domestic), dialling codes (international), names and numbers and British Telecom's code of practice.

The local information includes details of entertainment, sport and leisure, historic buildings and museums and art galleries and gives telephone numbers of hospitals, council departments, courts and tax offices.

The London directories will not be replaced until next year. The four divisions which separate the alphabetical listings are expected to be retained.

In the next months new directories will appear in Wirral, Canterbury West, Blackburn, Cambridge, Bournemouth, Barking, Leicester, Burton on Trent, Warrington, Lomond and Argyll, Leeds and Wtherby, Wakefield, Cardiff and South East Wales (Business), Mid and South Glamorgan and Gwent and Brecon and Lower Wye Valley.

More than 22 million books – old and new – will be issued this year. There is little difference between the cost of the old directories and the new.

The directory inquiry servicxe, which costs British Telecom £96m a year, is to be computerized by the end of next year. The first area to operate the computerized system will be Cardiff, at the end of this year.

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Absurd to talk about arrival of police state

COAL DISPUTE

The police had performed a most important role in enabling those who wished to work to exercise that right, Mr John Biffen Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons, said during Prime Minister's question time when he rejected a Labour MP's suggestion that there had been over-reaction by the police in the miners' dispute.

Mr *Frand Haynes* (Ashfield, Lab) had said amidst Conservative laughter that the Government was taking a course towards a police state and asked whether it was planning a one-party state.

Mr Anthony Blair (Sedgefield, Lab) raised the matter when Mr Biffen was deputizing in the Commons for Mrs Thatcher, still at the European summit in Brussels.

He asked: Regardless of the merits, does he not realize that the blanket setting up of road blocks to prevent the free movement of citizens is an interference of civil liberties and has no basis in law?

Before the introduction of these arbitrary emergency powers, what consultations were there between his Government and chief constables?

Mr Biffen: I understand that his first point is the subject of legal action. I therefore cannot comment on *an individual case, but there is* no doubt of the general legal situation.

If a constable reasonably concludes that persons are travelling to take part in picketing or in circumstances where there is likely to be a breach of the peace, he has a common law power to call on them not to continue their journey.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab): By what statutory authority have the police occupied the Speedwell Rooms in Chesterfield and Ashgate Hospital? Can he give a categorical assurance that the Government has not put the *armed forces on the* alert? (Conservative laughter.)

Mr Biffen: I can give him an assurance that the armed forces *have not been put on the alert.*

Mr Haynes: People outside the mining community, ordinary folk, are concerned about the over-reaction of the police – (Conservative protests) – in the miners' dispute. It indicates that the Government is clearly taking the course of having a police state. (Loud Conservative laughter.)

Could he tell the House, and the public outside, is the Government planning to move on to a one-party state?

Mr Biffen: There is no industrial dispute situation which cannot be made worse by the rhetoric of politicians and talk about a police state and that the Government is conniving to create a one-party state is utter absurdity.

The police have performed a *most important role in enabling* those who wish to work to exercise that right.



Blair: Interference with civil liberties.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on fuel costs and poverty. Lords (2.30): Debates on the Highlands and Islands; nuclear war; and on the prison service.

Distressing plight of older jobless

EMPLOYMENT

It was no coincidence that they were starting to see more jobs in Britain at a time when profit performance was improving, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, told the Commons.

He was reacting to a question by *Mr John Smith*, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, who said Government policy consisted of the propositions that profits *should be as high as* possible and wages as low as possible.

Mr King: As Mr Smith is always calling for investment, how does he think investment comes without profit?

It is no coincidence that we are now starting to see more jobs in this country. (Labour shouts of "Where, where?").

I know Labour MPs get upset at good news. If they study the *Employment Gazette*, the latest figures show there are more people at work in this country.

We are getting more jobs. It is no coincidence that this is happening at a time when the profit performance is improving.

Measures to create ne jobs for the 20,000 miners likely to be put out of work by pit closures were called for by Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse (Pontefract and Castleford, Lab) during *other* exchanges on unemployment in which Mr King, said for 3,186,000 people were out of work at the beginning of February.

Mr *Lofthouse stated: Bearing in* mind that many of these miners are in their early fifties, has his department any plans to encourage *further* employment in these areas or is the Government planning to commit them to an industrial desert?

Mr King: The best hope for these unemployed or facing the loss of jobs is going to be a general improvement in the economy. I am encouraged to see the progress being made through the Chancellor's decision to abolish the tax on jobs introduced by the Labour Government and pleased to see the confidence from the Budget which resulted in the immediate reduction in interest rates. Both these things will make a substantial contribution to employment.

Sir Kenneth Lewis (Stamford & Spalding, C): said those over 55 who are long-term unemployed are less likely to get jobs again. Is there not a case for a higher form of unemployment benefit or some bridging income that will take them to retirement pension?

Mr King: Our first ambition is to give the best *possible* opportunity for people to get into jobs. Obviously the situation differs in different parts of the country, but it is *encouraging to see a significant* increase in the placing of people in jobs this year as against last year.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab): Is it not the height of hypocrisy for the Government which has prated for the last fortnight about allowing miners to go to work, *to be closing* pits at a rate that will put thousands out of work and whose policies will be putting millions out of work?

Mr King: I do not consider *him* an authority on hypocrisy. When he supported a government which closed pits at twice our rate.

Mr Albert McQuarrie (Banff and Buchan, C) asked if there was some solution for the unemployed in rural areas, particularly those over 55.

Mr King said he recognized the problems faced by the more elderly in their search for work.

Mr John Smith, Is he not ashamed that after five years of Conservative Government the long-term unemployed have steadily climbed to 1,188,000?

The Government does not seem to have given substantial thought to this. Is not the time long overdue for extending the elementary social justice of long-term supplementary benefit to these people?

Mr King: He was a member of a Cabinet which doubled unemployment. This Government has spent substantially greater sums of money *in trying to help overcome* these problems with a range of measures.

The first requirement is to ensure that we can handle expenditure to *give the best chance* for people to get employment. This means continuing to pursue the economic policies outlined by the Chancellor.

● Extending long-term supplementary benefit to unemployed claimants over 50 years old would cost £480m, Mr Alan Clark, Under Secretary of State for Employment, started. Limited to those over 50 with dependent children, it would cost £220m.

Mr Clark said during employment questions in the Commons that there were 574,692 unemployed claimants aged 50 and over in the United Kingdom on January 12, the latest figure available. Mr John Evans, an Opposition spokesman on employment (St Helens North) asked: Has he any idea of the despair of many of that 574,692 over 50s who have become unemployed under this Government and who feel they have no chance whatsoever of ever getting a job again?

Mr Clark: Yes, it is a distressing sector of the labour market *where* there are cases of individual distress and frustration.

Lewis: Those over 55 unlikely to get jobs again.

Little good in grubby politics

OMAN CONTRACT

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal, and Leader of the House of Commons, agreed with a Conservative MP during question time that comments by Labour MPs about the Prime Minister and Oman could well make life that much more *difficult for British* exporters.

Mr Andrew MacKay (East Berkshire, C) said: Many British companies are experiencing considerable difficulties in securing orders in the Gulf – (Labour laughter) – because the governments of that area quite rightly resent the *irresponsible muck-raking* carried on in this House by Labour MPs who have tried unsuccessfully to damage the Prime Minister's *reputation*.

Do they realize how much harm they are doing to British industry and how many people's jobs are at risk because of their action?

Mr Biffen: I have no evidence of contracts lost. I am certain that Mr MacKay is right in saying that the matters to which he refers could well make *life* that *much* more difficult for British exporters in that respect.

One thing is certain: what is good for grubby politics is rarely good for this country.

Mr Terry Patchett (Barnsley, East, Lab): Is Mr Biffen concerned that only 179 Conservative MPs have signed Commons early day motion 585?

[The *motion* reads: That this House congratulate the Prime Minister on the vigour and success with which she has pursued Britain's interest in securing overseas contracts during her visit to India and the Gulf States in April 1981 and throughout her period of office; accepts without reservation that the Prime Minister has clearly stated that she neither named, nor pursued the interests of Cementation, or any other individual company in relation to the Oman University project; and deplores the continuing efforts of the Opposition to discredit the Prime Minister personally and undermine *her* efforts to win work and jobs for Britain.]

Mr Patchett added: Does Mr Biffen *feel* that that *low number can be* accounted for by the fact that many Conservatives agree with Mr Heath who feels that there is a need for the Prime Minister to make a statement to the House? (Labour cheers).

Mr Biffen: The answer is that we shall be more than satisfied with the *final number* of signatories.

£80 for spectacles called 'scare talk'

CHARGES

A contention that pensioners would be paying £70 or £80 for spectacles which they had previously been able to get for £30 under the National Health Service, as a result of the *Health and Social Security Bill*, was dismissed as scare talk by Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, during Prime *minister's* question time in the Commons.

The Prime Minister was at the meeting of the European Council in Brussels and will be reporting on it to the Commons tomorrow (Wednesday).

Opening the exchanges Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey and Waterside, C) said that as a result of the Budget, there will be 100,000 fewer pensioner households paying *income* tax than there were under Labour. Does this not indicate that as well as being a budget for business and jobs, it is also a budget for pensioners?

It shows that at *least* we care even if Labour MPS fail to recognize the fact?

Mr Biffen: He is right to draw attention to the pensioner households who will be taken out of tax as a result of the Budget which was an extraordinarily well-judged and *well-balanced Budget* both in terms of what it offers industry and social justice.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the *Opposition: On the subject of the* treatment of pensioners, is he aware that as a consequence of the Health and Social Security Bill, pensioners *are going to have to have to meet* huge increases in the cost of their spectacles and that the more need they have to change their spectacles, *the higher the cost is going to be?* How can he possibly defend that?

Mr Biffen: He knows that under the terms of National Health Service provision for spectacles, arrangements are made for pensioners.

Taking the totality of pensioners, I have no doubt that the lifetime of this Government and this Parliament *will show an increase in* pensioners living standards compared with what happened under the Labour Government.

Mr *Kinnock: He does not appear to* be aware that pensioners now no longer qualify for NHS spectacles. The only people who do are the very poor *and children under 16*.

Pensioners are going to have to pay £70 or £80 for spectacles that they have been able to get under the *NHS for £30*.

If he agrees with my view, and I suspect he does, would he get changes made at the report stage of the Bill?

Mr Biffen: My observations about pensioners' living standards took account of the recent changes in the Budget. *It is a short-term basis of* politics to engage in scare talk of £80 for a pair of spectacles. If he would like to have the debate to be carried *further at report stage, we will* welcome it.

Mrs Jill knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C): The Minister of *Health (Mr Kenneth Clarke) during* the committee stage of the Health and Social Security Bill, on the subject of spectacle charges, has already taken note of the fact that a number of elderly people are facing extreme charges where they will not be allowed national health spectacles, and has said that that will be the subject of some considertion.

Will Mr Biffen back up that suggestion with an assurance to the House that people will not be penalized if their sight is very bad?

Mr Biffen: I am certain that in this matter, as in social security issues generally, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, needs no instruction from Labour.

Complaint being prepared

PANORAMA

The fact that matter about the recent *Panorama* programme on right-wing infiltration of the Conservative Party was being considered by the party for reference to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission is a sign of the serious concern felt about it, Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons, said when he deputized for the absent Prime Minister at question time.

Mr Frank Dobson (Holborn and St Pancras, Lab) had asked Mr Biffen whether he believed the Chairman of the Conservative Party that the *Panorama* programme was incorrect or the chairman of the Young Conservatives who has said that it was correct.

Mr Biffen.–The programme is itself now the subject of legal representations and I shall curtail my comment on that account. It would not need the Opposition, or the proposition of a comparison between the Chairman of the Conservative Party and the Chairman of the Young Conservatives, for me to say that, without question, Mr Selwyn Gummer, the Chairman of the Conservative Party is conducting his chairmanship and the investigation of this issue with *total integrity*.

Fewer cars with diplomatic immunity

There were now only 4,700 cars with CD plates and complete *immunity* from prosecution and 1,000 cars previously having immunity were now liable to the full force of the law, Lord Lucas of *Chilworth, a Government* spokesman, told the House of Lords during questions about illegal parking in central London.

Committee concern about social security and PSA frauds

EXPENDITURE

Criticism of the Department of Health and Social Security because of its lack of information about the extent of undetected fraud was voiced by Mr Robert Sheldon, chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, when he opened a debate to take note of reports of the committee.

Mr Sheldon (Ashton under Lyne, Lab) said the committee had been surprised at the DHSS attitude to the paucity of information on the extent of undetected fraud. The large gaps admitted by the DHSS meant that its existing management information would remain an unsatisfactory basis for determining the most cost-effective deployment of staff on anti-fraud activities.

The committee had been disappointed that the DHSS could not offer an informed guess on the possible cost to the Exchequer of *undetected fraud*.

The committee had concluded that the employment of investigative staff gave excellent value for *money* and was pleased *that the* revenue departments were trying to improve their information on cost and output as a better basis for decision-making.

There were 46 reports before the House, due largely to lack of debate of the general election. It was a shame that some leaders in the nationalized industries did not consider the Public Accounts Committee, so far from being an interfering busybody, could often be a valuable ally in making sure that these industries were able to get on with their task without excessibe interference from government departments.

The committee was now receiving information on defence projects costing more thn £100m as before there had been projects which even members of the Cabinet had been unaware.

There was also a report on the Property Services Agency concerned with cases of undetected fraud.

This is a serious matter (he said) because we have long been very proud of our standard of public life. *We must be aware of the uncertain* foundations on which this rests. It rests on the incorruptibility of civil servants and if we discover any breach *in* the morality which civil servants live by, there would be people who would be outraged.

Sheldon: No informed guess on fraud.

The committee would be continuing its examination of the Wardale report on the Property Services Agency as this was a matter of continuing concern.

The standards of public life must always be higher than in certain private concerns, wven if more had to be paid to achieve this.

Another matter the committee had examined was the sale of Hamilton College of Further Education. This had been sold for £574,000 when it had an estimated value up £6m.

Sales of this kind must in future be subject to a determined exploration and proper attempts made to market such a property adequately.

The committee had been concerned about the way nationalized industries prepared their corporate plans. It had asked that in future *corporate plans were prepared* annually so that it was possible to compare the different industries and the Government could say where public money could best be spent. We shall be (he concluded) looking for value for money on the Trident missile project. We are looking into the De Lorean case. And we are continuing examination following the Wardale report of the Property Services Agency frauds.

Sir Michael Shaw (Scarborough, C) expressed doubts about the system of internal audit in central government department was regarded just as a stepping stone in the career of a civil servant, he doubted whether the job would be well done.

He did not believe that anyone in the internal audit office who was expecting to go to another branch *of* the same department in two years was going to be unduly critical of what was going on in that department. *The main control* and thrust of that internal audit had to come from somewhere else.

Mr Michael Morris (Northampton South, C) *said he* supported the Prime Minister's efforts to reduce the total number of civil servants, but there were departments which could usefully deploy people of calibre. This was the case in the Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise and Department of Health and Social Security where an increase in inspectors had cut down fraud.

The Treasury should take measures to penalise health authorities which did not sell off surplus land. In 1982 there were 6,445 acres of such land awaiting disposal and the figure was probably much the same today.

Impact of Labour idiocies

LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, once a pillar of the nation's commercial strength, had been reduced to its present plight by the doctrinaire idiocies of the Labour Party, Mr Alan Clark, Under Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons questions.

Answering Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab), he said the latest figures for unemployed claimants in the area covered by the Liverpool and Toxteth job centres totalled 15,046, of whom 8,522 had been unemployed for more than a year; and in the Merseyside special development area the total was 141,674, of whom 67,706 were unemployed for more than a year.

Mr Barry Porter (Wirral South, C): I agree these figures are rather bad but the position is not helped by the *activities of the majority of the* Labour members of Liverpool City Council who behave like raving lunatics in relation to finance. If only they would come to their senses prospects for employment would be very much better.

Mr Clark agreed, adding that the council leader had refused to ally himself with the leader of the Labour Party (Mr Neil Kinnock).

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) said the majority of the unemployed were construction workers. He called for a major capital works scheme to create jobs for them.

Mr Clark said Liverpool already benefited from special development area status, a development corporation, inner city partnership, an enterprise zone, and had been chosen as an experimental freeport. Other neighbouring areas might wonder why they, too, should not benefit in these ways.

Mr Barry Sheerman, an Opposition spokesman on employment (Huddersfield, Lab) said 370,000 young unemployed people did not go on the youth training scheme.

Mr Clark: This scheme, which is excellent, would benefit from the support of influential people like him, like councillors, like trade union leaders, who should draw the attention of young people and their parents to the benefits of joining this scheme.

Later, during questions answered by Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons on behalf of the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Grant (South-West Cambridgeshire, C): The Prime Minister has said that more *than* £1,000m a year of public money is pumped into Merseyside. Are the taxpayers getting value for their money?

Conservative MPs: No.

Sir Anthony Grant: It would be right if Liverpool Council stopped whining and started obeying the law.

Big majority in Budget votes

THE BUDGET

There were six divisions at the end of the debate on the Budget in all of which the Government had comfortable majorities. The first two were forced by the Liberals and the remaining four by the official Opposition.

The budget resolution to increase the duty on spirits was carried by 350 votes to 26 - Government majority, 324. The resolution relating to duty on "sparkling" and "rendered sparkling" wine and made-wine was carried by 349 votes to 28 - Government majority, 321.

The resolution to apply VAT to takeaway hot food was carried by 347 votes to 211 - Government majority, 136. The resolution to apply VAT to building alterations was carried by 345 votes to 208 - Government majority, 137. The resolution to set corporation tax for 1983 at 50 per cent was carried by 378 votes to 173 - Government majority, 205.

The resolution to amend the Law in relation to capital transfer tax was carried by 356 votes to 192 - *Government majority, 164*.

All other budget resolutions were agreed to and the Finance Bill brought in and read a first time.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer replying to the debate said it had ranged from the economic state of the western world to that of the fish and chip shop and the wiser heads saw no need for undue alarm about either.

Since the budget they had seen bank base rates down by 0.5 per cent to the lowest level for almost six years, the mortgage rate cut by a whole 1 per cent and the stock market had risen by 5 per cent and that included shares in manufacturing companies.

The Oppositon was bankrupt of ideas and barren of policies. By concentrating on raising the basic tax allowance substantially and *doing no more than index* the higher rate bands, he had deliberately chosen to give the maximum help to the low-paid. He accepted there was *still a long way to go to* restore thresholds to sensible levels but the Opposition refused to acknowledge the corner had been turned.

Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, announced in a Commons written reply that the Finance Bill would be published on *Thursday, March 29*.

Minister's comment on clergy 'a joke'

HOUSE OF LORDS

Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was speaking in a purely personal capacity and made a lighthearted comment which should not be taken seriously, Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, said when he was questioned in the House of Lords about the minister's remark regarding involvement of the clergy in politics.

Lord Bishopston, for the Opposition, who raised the subject at question time, said the stricture that the clergy should not involve themselves in politics could be seen as a restriction on the role of the prelates and clergy in the House in *their task of conveying to the* country the concern not only of the Church but the nation on matters of crucial importance.

Viscount Whitelaw: On the position of the prelates, I have noticed that I am not alone among some of my colleagues in sometimes disagreeing with *the views of right reverend* prelates, but I would stand up to the last for their rights to express their views in this House and outside.

The Bishop of Rochester (the Rt Rev David Say) said that Government and Opposition spokesmen would be very much the poorer were it not for the activities of some bishops, "with encouraging results in other places".

Viscount Whitelaw: I agree. One of the advantages I have found in this House is that it is possible to reply to the views of right reverend prelates which is not always possible on all other occasions. (Laughter)

Only 37 take up part-time job release but scheme goes on

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Only 37 people have taken up the Government's offer of part-time job release, a scheme which was launched at the end of last year at a cost of about £257,000.

That each of the 37 part-timers has cost nearly £7,000 to recruit will not deter the Department of Employment, which is about to start another advertising campaign for the scheme.

Mr Alan Clark, Under-Secretary of State at the department, said in a written Commons reply this week that £245,000 had been spent on an advertising campaign between October and the end of last year.

The department had received about 10,000 inquiries for leaflets, which had cost about £12,000, but Mr Clark said: "Although considerable interest has been shown in this new experimental scheme, actual take-up has so far been very disappointing. We *shall* be considering its future when it has had a fair trial."

Rates for the scheme are to *go up on April 9*, when men aged 62 and 63 and disabled men aged 60 and 61, with wives earning a maximum net income of £13, will receive £35.30, which is taxable. Men with wives whom income exceeds the limit, receive a taxable £28.65.

For women aged 59 and men aged 64, both groups within a year of retirement, with dependent spouses earning a maximum net weekly income of £13, the benefit will be £30.35 a week, tax free.

Under the Finance Act 1977, only job-release allowances paid for more than one year are taxable.

Birthday honours: Dame Vera Lynn, a regular TV-am viewer, cutting a cake yesterday made for her 67th birthday by Rusty Lee (centre), TV-am's cookery expert, at a guest appearance shared by Patti Boulaye, the singer. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Mercy for gambling pensioners

The police are to take no action against some of age pensioners whom they found playing bridge or kalroki, a game similar to rummy, for 5p stakes at their club in Hove.

The police said "A file of evidence was submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions. On his advice the secretary of the club has been told that certain irregularities were discovered in the running of the premises.

"She has accepted advice on this matter and has given an assurance that the future conduct of the premises will be in the Law."

Atomic test veterans snub cancer inquiry

By David Cross

Representatives of veterans of atomic bomb tests are dissociating themselves from an official inquiry into the effects of radiation.

Mr Ken McGinley, president of the British Nuclear Test Veteran Association, said yesterday that the inquiry being conducted by the National Radiological Protection Board was one-sided and disorganized.

At the government's request the board opened a two-year survey last autumn of the medical records of up to 28,000 servicemen and civilians who took part *in nuclear weapons* tests in Australia and the Pacific in the 1950s. The survey followed claims by many servicemen that they had contracted cancers because of exposure to radiation.

Mr McGinley, *who with* other association representatives had cooperated with the study said that the records of many of their members were a "shambles".

The board said: "We would prefer to have the association's cooperation, but the study can go ahead without it".

There had been problems in tracing records

Driver's benefit fraud

Brian Rhodes, a self-employed driving instructor earning up to £215 a week drove his British School of Motoring car to an interview with Department of Health and Social Security inspectors over supplementary benefit claims, Dudley magistrates were told yesterday.

Rhodes, aged 47, of Marlborough Road, Dudley, West Midlands, who is married with two children, was claiming £50 a week in benefits, Mr Paul Shaw, for the prosecution, said.

He admitted five offences of falsely claiming benefit and asked for 15 other offences over 10 months to be considered. Rhodes was fined £1,000 and *ordered to repay £1,975*.

Project to combat acid rain

By Ronald Faux

Organizations accused of contributing to acid rain are to *fund a project to reestablish* fisheries in affected waters.

The Scottish Electricity Boards, the Central Electricity Generating Board and the National Coal Board will provide £600,000 over the next five years to find measures to counter the effects of acidification.

The research programme, based at Loch Fleet, Galloway, will explore techiques of land treatment and management to improve water quality. Several research institutions will be invited to take part.

The South of Scotland Electricity Board said that it was still not clear that a simple reduction in sulphur emissions would by itself cure the problem of acid waters.

Prince accused

The Prince of Wales is to cut down two-and-a-half acres of woodland on his estate at Boverton, South Glamorgan. The trees were subject to a preservation order, but that cannot be enforced on Crown property.

"The trees are one of the area's most attractive features and it would be a tragedy to lose them", a local councillor, Mr Jack George, said yesterday. He is writing to the Prince, appealing to him to change his mind.

Bankruptcy fear of legal aid solicitors

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors specializing in legal aid said that the failure of the Lord Chancellor's Department to raise their pay to realistic levels would guarantee the closure or bankruptcy of many small and medium-size firms.

The Legal Aid Practitioners' Group, which represents about 2,000 solicitors, said it deplored the decision of the department *and the Treasury to raise pay* levels for criminal legal aid work by only 4 per cent.

The group added that many *solicitors'* firms are operating on overdrafts of more than £50,000 and the new pay levels would do no more than provide the most basic standard of living for skilled professional workers with several years' training.

Mr Quintin Barry, the group's chairman, said several firms were in a desperate position. One well known London firm specializing in legal aid would be giving its partners an income of between £8,000 and £9,000 this year.

The new hourly rate for preparing for a hearing in a magistrates' or Crown court is to be £26. But the group says that since most firms have overheads of 75 per cent or more, that meant a net £6.50 an hour which would do nothing to reduce overdrafts.

The low pay rates were made worse by the delays of several *months in getting* legal aid bills paid by the Law Society.

The group called on the Government yesterday to overhaul the legal aid scheme *and* in particular for a full survey of criminal remuneration as proposed by the Law Society. It wants a review body to determine pay rates annually

● Mr Peter Lomas, chairman *of the Association* of Law Costs Draftsmen, said there was room for drastic improvement in the level of pay. Fixed costs in the Queen's Bench division, *he* said, had remained at the same level since the 1960s and in the *matrimonial* division since 1971.

Warning on bridge costs

The Government yesterday asked the Forth Bridge authority to review its tolls and operating costs.

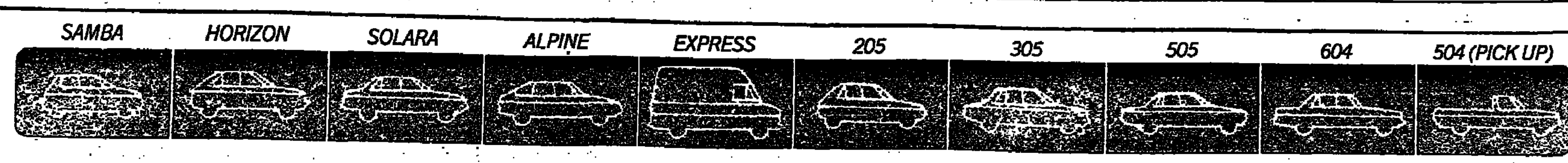
The Scottish Office pointed out in a letter to the joint board of representatives from Lothian and Fyfe regional councils, who form the authority, that the debt to the Government on the bridge had risen to *£21.75m* and that there was no chance of repaying it by 1994.

The bridge last year generated £2.6m income against operating costs of £1.5m of which 65 per cent represented staff wages. *The present toll for cars is 30p.*

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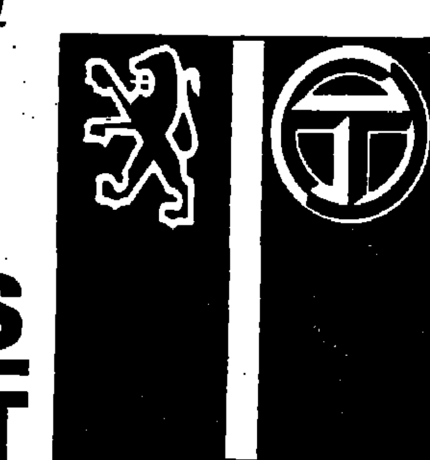
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Teachers' pension fund 'lost £11,700m'

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

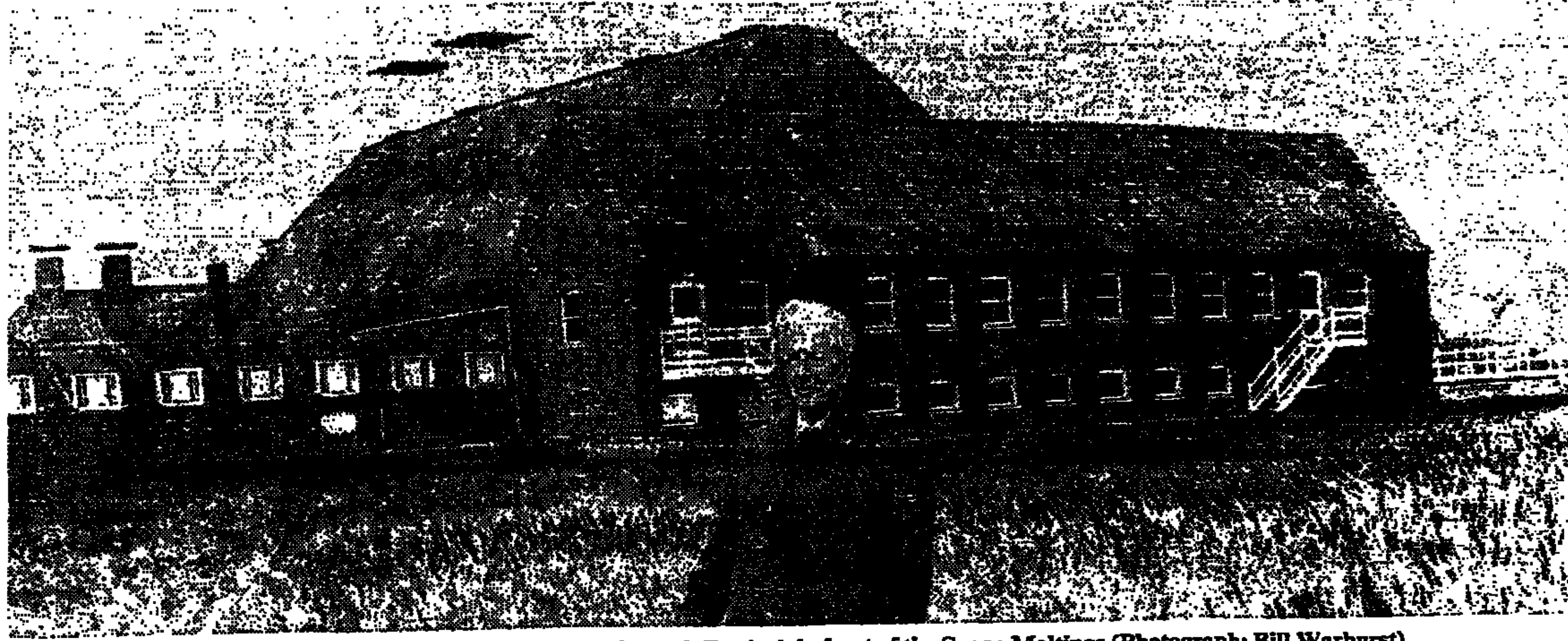
The method of financing teachers' pension funds has lost £11,700m, according to a report released yesterday by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

The second largest teachers' union, with 160,000 members, says that an independent analysis of the pension scheme by Employee Benefit Services calculated that if money had been invested in a model fund local authorities would have saved £261m in reduced contributions.

Since 1926 ratepayers, through local authorities, and teachers have been forced to give pension contributions to the government. The Government has issued IOUs in exchange.

These are then "invested" in pretend stocks, dummy war loan and gilt funds. Every year the Government pretends to pay interest on fictional stock.

In 1956, the national fund had accumulated £536m of government IOUs. If that, and subsequent annual cash surpluses, had been invested in a model fund, similar to that recommended by the government actuary in 1975, the capital value of the teachers' pension fund would now stand at £20,978m.



Sir Peter Pears, one of the founders of the Aldeburgh Festival, in front of the Snape Maltings (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Aldeburgh seeks £1m security

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

That most unusual musical organization, the Aldeburgh Foundation, rooted in the chilly Suffolk coast, is seeking that rare artistic, complement, financial security.

Some 17 years after the Queen first opened the concert hall in a converted malthouse at The Snape Maltings, the foundation is appealing for £1m so that it can survive without constantly recurring crises.

The Aldeburgh Appeal has attracted a wide range of supporters. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who opened the Britten-Pears school building in the complex in 1979, attended a musical reception at St James's Palace last night to launch the fund. The Prince of Wales, sent a message hailing Aldeburgh as "a natural and joyful part of the British music scene."

On Saturday, the appeal will benefit from a gala premiere of Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical, *Starlight Express*, an indication of the standing Aldeburgh holds

The first festival took place in 1948, having been founded by Benjamin Britten, Peter Pears and Eric Crozier. Today Sir Peter still lives in Aldeburgh and works as an artistic director for the event and, with Henry Moore, the sculptor, as patron of the appeal.

The list of vice-presidents includes Billy Burrell, the fisherman and coxswain of the Aldeburgh lifeboat, who was a friend of Britten for many years and an inspiration for the character of Billy Budd.

Sir Richard Cave, the chairman of the appeal, said that at least £400,000 was required to make improvements to the concert hall, and a further £600,000 to ensure that the school, which atracts musicians from all over the world, can be self financing.

Action threat on Welsh marina developments

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

Welsh nationalist protesters have threatened a campaign of direct actions against marina developments in the pricipality which they claim will benefit only wealthy English people

A recent decision by Ceredigion district council in favour of a £7m marina at Aberystwyth led to slogans being painted in the town

An unknown group calling itself the Movement for the Defence of the Interests of the Welsh People, threatened that it was only the beginning of a campaign of militant action.

According to the Welsh Language Society, the marinas will be too expensive for local people

Mr Robin Parry, the society's group spokesman, said: "One berth at Aberystwyth will cost more than £900 without taking the cost of a yacht into consideration. If our democratic objections to the marinas fail, we will be forced to take direct action."

Colville report on Guatemala

Rights inquiry on Guatemala heavily criticized

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

A United Nations report on human rights violations in Guatemala has been sharply criticized from a number of international quarters for its solicitous attitude towards the regime there, almost eclipsing the documented atrocities and excesses that have earned Guatemala notoriety.

The report was prepared by Lord Colville, the Conservative peer, who, until his appointment in an individual capacity as special rapporteur for Guatemala, had served as chairman of the British delegation to the UN human rights commission in Geneva. It is based largely on an 11-day visit to Guatemala last summer and a six-day tour last November.

Critics have charged Lord Colville with being concerned more with Guatemala improving its image abroad than holding it accountable for gross human rights violations. Of the 11 recommendations contained in the report by the commission, priority is placed on support for the Guatemalan Government's plans for rural development while last on the list is the insistence that disappearances, killings and kidnappings be cleared up, and even then direct blame is not prescribed.

Perhaps the most pointed indication of the commission's displeasure with Lord Colville's assessment of the situation in Guatemala, expressed during the commission's consideration in Geneva last week, is that the traditionally effusive praise for a rapporteur's accomplishment was absent both in statements and in the final resolution.

In a breach of diplomatic protocol that is almost unthinkable for the United Nations, the resolution failed to commend Lord Colville for his efforts, largely ignored his recommendations and urged that the commission look to other sources for a more definitive and comprehensive portrait

Mr F. M. Hayes, the Irish representative to the commission expressed the views of many Western European governments, when he said that Lord Colville, as one example of the report's inadequacies, had confused a complete system of military control of the population with attempts at land reform. This referred to the setting up of "model villages" some of which have been documented by human rights organizations as reeducation camps.

Mr Hayes also took exception to the tone and substance Lord Colville's remark that human rights abuse would become less controversial "if the security forces could distinguish small babies and elderly people from villagers who may perhaps be realistically suspected of involvement in subversion if their activities could be less jealously guarded from honest inquiry".

Human rights organizations and members of Guatemala's opposition have questioned both the methods and substance of the Colville report. Senor Frank Lague, a member of the Unity Representation of Guatemalan Opposition called it a "cynical" document which began and ended with a preconceived notion that insurgent activity made the Guatemalan Government's actions if not justifiable, then understandable.

During his inquiry Lord Colville would not accept church sources and in referring to army harassment, abduction and killing of priests he says that "given the overt support by many of them for subversion this is hardly surprising".

Representatives from two human rights groups, Americas Watch and Washington Office for Latin America have decried as flippant the general tone of the report which lacks specific detail, data, dates names and places.

Aborigines bar singer from Ayers Rock

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

The BBC and Val Doonican, the singer have been refused permission by the traditional Aboriginal owners of Ayers Rock to film a programme at the site. The Federal Government returned Ayres Rock to the Aborigines last year.

Mr Richard Bradshaw, legal adviser to the Pitjantjatjara Council, which ats for the black owners, said yesterday. The Traditional owners felt that the filming of Val Doonican at Ayers Rock would be culturally inappropriate. It is appropriate for Aboriginal pepople to sing and dance at Uluru the (Aboriginal name for this rock) but not for white people".

The decision angered Mr Paul Everingham, the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, who vigorously opposed the origingal decision to hand over ownership to Aborigines, claiming that it would jeopardize tourism.

Mr Everingham said he would be protesting to the Federal Minister for Tourism " in the strongest possible terms". He claimed that white supporters of the Aborigines with the Pitjantjatjara Council in Alice Springs had influenced the decision.



Val Doonican: The show can't go on.

Mr Mike Pearce, production manager of the BBC unit, described the decision "as like Australians in the London not being allowed to film Westminster Abbey, Tower Bridge of Buckingham Palace".

Mr Barry Cohen, minister for the Environment, said yesterday that the Aborigines would be asked to reconsider their decision. There had been 51 applications to film at the rock since 1977 of which 39 had been approved, severn refused and five were awaiting decision he said.

Male orderlies accused of hospital murder

From Our Correspondent
Colombo

Six male nursing orderlies have been charged with the murder of a police sub-inspector when he was a patient in a hospital in the Sri Lankan capital.

They are accused of using knives and clubs to kill Inspector S. Easwaran during last July's disturbances.

The inspector, who was stationed at *Matara* in the south, was at home in Colombo on sick leave when he was attacked by a gang on July 29.

The magistrate refused an application for bail. The case continues.

Uruguay frees top dissident after 10 years

Montevideo (APF) – Señor Liber Seregni, aged 65, Uruguay's best-known political prisoner, was freed on Monday night after nearly 10 years in prison.

Señor Seregni, a former general and a symbol of opposition to Uruguay's hardline military regime, left Montevideo's central prison for his home in a presidential district.

He appeared on a balcony to acknowledge the cheers of flag-waving supporters shouting anti-government slogans and calling for a rebirth of the left-of-centre "Broad Front," at the head of which he unsucessfully ran for President in 1971.

Abusive free-for-all marks Turkish poll

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

With only four days left before polling, the campaign for Turkey's local elections continues to be dominated by former politicians and invective

The controversial election finally cleared by the Constitutional Court which overruled the objections of the parliamentary parties, has assumed the nature of a national plebiscite on the "legitimacy" of the Government headed by Mr Turgut Ozal, the conservative Prime Minister.

The Social Democratic Party Sodep, the conservative Right Way Party and the Islamic fundamentalist Welfare Party, all excluded from last November's general election, have been allowed to contest in the coming poll, along with the three parties represented in the 400-seat Parliament: the ruling Motherland Party, the centre-left Populist Party and the right-centre Nationalist Democracy Party.

After a week of campaign rallies, the Nationalist Democracy, Populist and Welfare parties look to be pushed to the sidelines, leaving the other three freely abusing each other.

The opponents of Mr Ozal's Motherland Party stake their hopes of defeating it – and therefore forcing early elections before the Government's five-year mandate ends – on the lingering allegiance of the electorate to the pre-coup Justice Party – and the Republican People's Party, which traditionally represented the right, and left in Turkish politics, whose "true" successors" they claim to be.

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Election fever rife as Israel faces prospect of divisive poll

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Israel has been thrust into political turmoil by the prospect of an early general election which would be the most divisive in the country's history, involving the issues of the war in Lebanon, the future of the occupied West Bank and inflation, now running at over 200 per cent.

Although no date has yet been set for the poll, members of Mr Yitzhak Shamir's shaky Likud coalition appeared resigned, after urgent discussions yesterday, that there is little chance of averting parliamentary moves designed to bring voting forward from the scheduled date in the middle of 1985.

After Cabinet meeting, Mr Avraham Sharir, the Tourism Minister, said: "I think the issue has been decided, we are going to have early elections. The question is when are they going to take place? This will be decided later according to what is best for the economy and the country."

The sudden rush of election fever – which led to meetings of all the main political parties – follows the decision of the small Tami party, a member of the coalition, to submit a Bill calling for the dissolution of the Knesset. It is expected to secure the 61 votes needed for a majority.

The dissolution Bill – which needs to pass four readings and two committee sessions before becoming law – is due to be debated tomorrow along with four similar motions. If it passes, furious inter-party wrangling would ensue over exactly when the poll, the first since 1981, would take place.

One complicating factor was a threat by one of the Tami members, Mr Ben Zion Reuben, Deputy Social Affairs Minister, to convert the dissolution Bill into a vote of no confidence if the Government attempts filibustering tactics in committee to put back the poll until October or November.

Throughout the day, politicians and legal experts were arguing over the niceties of when would be the earliest that a poll could be held.

A successful vote of no confidence could open the way for the opposition Labour leader, Mr Shimon Peres, to try and form a new government within the present Parliament, but this is not thought feasible.

Senior Ministers, including Mr Shamir, who has only been Prime Minister since October, are known to be anxious to put off polling for as long as possible in the expectations of an improvement in Israel's disastrous economy and a further limited withdrawal in Lebanon.

While the right-wing Likud is looking towards the autumn, Labour under Mr Peres is anxious for a much earlier election to capitalize on its high ratings in the opinion polls. The most recent showed a 21 per cent lead.

Apart from the prospect of the Government reverting to the type of "election economics" that proved so successful in 1981, Labour is also concerned that a delay could lead to a new leadership struggle in the party.

All polls show that Mr Yitzhak Navon, Israel's former President, could command a much greater following if he were leader in place of Mr Peres.

It emerged yesterday that Mr Ezer Weizman, the popular former Defence Minister, is planning to run at the head of a new centre party.

COMPOSITION OF KNESSET

The Coalition:	
Likud	46
National Religious	5
Agudat Yisrael	4
Techiya	3
Tami	3
Independent (Elected on Moshe Dayan's Telem list but later split)	2
Matzad (Splinter of NR Party)	1
TOTAL	64
The Opposition:	
Labour Alignment	50
Democratic Front (Communist)	4
Shinui	2
TOTAL	56

Greeks cheer US retreat on Olympic flame

From Mario Modiano
Athens

The Los Angeles organizing committee for the Olympic Games has agreed to drop a fund-raising plan linked to the relay of the Olympic flame through the United States, after Greek threats to stop the torch from leaving the site of the ancient Games if commercialization went ahead.

A member of the Greek Olympic committee last night said: "It is a victory for public opinion." The Americans decided to abandon the idea "in consideration of the sensitivities of the Greek people". No fuss would be made over the millions of dollars already collected from the advance allocation of more than half of the run to sponsors.

The dispute might have resulted in ugly scenes at ancient Olympia on May 3 when the flame is due to be lit with traditional pomp from the rays of the sun focusing on a concave mirror. Mr Spyros Foteinos, the mayor, had vowed to build a human wall to stop the flame from leaving the Altis, the sacred precinct.

The Los Angeles committee wanted the flame to be carried 12,000 miles across the United States, with 6,000 miles of the run open for sponsorship by companies at $3,000 (about £2,000) a kilometre. The money would have been used to promote athletics among spastics and other charities.

But the Greek committee, while vowing to cooperate in the lighting and relay of the flame, refused to guarantee that the ceremony would be trouble-free. The mayor of Olympia organized a weekend international conference of athletes, intellectuals and academics in his city, which condemned the commercialization of the flame.

Mr Emil Zatopek, the legendary Czechoslovak Olympic long-distance runner, who attended the conference said: "The Olympic flame is sacred and not for sale. If the Americans need money for worthy causes, let them save on the cost of a single missile."

The conference, attended by Professor Robert Browning, the chairman of the British Committee for the return of the Elgin Marbles, approved a resolution condemning the commercialization of the flame and another proposing a worldwide truce for the duration of this year's Games in a revival of the tradition of laying down the arms observed during the ancient Games.

Gromyko's deputy coming to London

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Georgi Kornienko, First Deputy Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, is to visit Britain on March 27 to 30, giving further proof of the improvement in Anglo-Soviet relations.

He was due to come last September, as a guest of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, but the invitation was postponed after the South Korean airliner was shot down.

The visit's renewal has long been seen as an indication of a warmer climate in London and Moscow, and possible dates have been under discussion since Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary met Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in Stockholm in January.

East-West relations, arms control and Anglo-Soviet trade will be among the subjects for discussion – as will no doubt Sir Geoffrey's own July visit to Moscow which was announced last week.

Mr Kornienko, aged 59, is a career diplomat who has been spoken of for several years as a possible successor to the long-running Mr Gromyko himself.

He is an expert on the United States and on arms control, and speaks fluent English. He was an important rising star in Moscow during the years of détente, when he visited the United States and France with President Brezhnev, and is well-placed to work alongside Mr Gromyko for improved relations with the West.



Getting ahead: Archbishop John O'Connor of New York tries his mitre on an altar boy during his installation.

Chrétien joins race to succeed Trudeau

Ottawa – Mr Jean Chrétien, Canada's Minister of Energy and Resources, yesterday entered the race for leadership of the governing Liberal Party and the job of Prime Minister (John Best writes).

Mr Chrétien, aged 50, a mill worker's son from Quebec, is the fifth declared candidate for the position now held by Mr Pierre Trudeau, who announced his intention to retire.

It is likely that Mr Chrtien will quickly emerge as the strongest challenger to Mr John Turner, the Toronto lawyer and former Cabinet minister, widely considered the front-runner. Mr Chétien has 45 other Liveral MPs on his side, plus seven senators.

Rebel ambush in Mozambique

Johannesburg (AP). – Ten Mozambican soldiers guarding a road convoy were killed and eight lorries destroyed in a apparent guerrilla ambush in northern Mozambique on Sunday, the South African press association reported yesterday. The ambush took place on the main road from Hardre to Blantyre, Malawi.

Sapa quoted Mr Curtis, managing director of Truckafrica, as saying his firm lost one truck carrying tobacco. South Africa and Mozambique signed a non-aggression treaty on Friday.

125 Sikh youths sent to prison

Delhi (AP) – More than 125 young Sikh extremists were jailed in Punjab yesterday after a government order outlawing the All-India Sikh Students Federation.

Meanwhile, the police have brought sedition charges against Harchand Singh Longonal, president of the party leading the agitation in the state, for having written letters to heads of government during the Commonwealth summit last November, urging them to "save the Sikhs".

Jumbo drama

Perth (AFP) – an explosion and fire in one engine forced a British Airways jumbo which had just taken off for London to circle over the Indian Ocean for an hour before landing again at Perth, Western Australia. The fire had been extinguished while the plane dumped fuel over the sea.

Island election

Victoria (AFP) – Presidential elections in Seychelles will be held in June, it was announced here. The Seychelles People's Progressive Front, the sole political organization, will hold a congress soon to select a candidate, but President René is expected to seek a second five-year term.

Admiral resigns

Brasila (AFP) – Brazil's Navy Minister, Admiral Eduardo Maximiano Da Fonseca, resigned after arguing in favour of direct election of the President instead of an electoral college. He was replaced by Admiral Alfredo Karam, Navy Chief of Staff.

Pampas floods

Buenos Aires (AFP)–Torrential floods after heavy rains have forced the evacuation of 12,000 people in Argentina, cut off 100,000 others and drowned large numbers of cattle.

Horses killed

Tokyo (AP) – Fire broke out at a ranch in northern Japan killing 11 race horses valued at about 100m yen (£307,000). Six other thoroughbreds were saved.

Cholera deaths

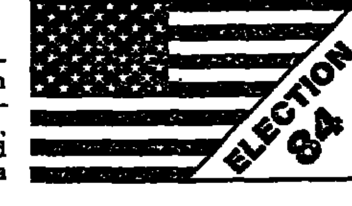
Kaduna (AP) – A cholera epidemic has killed at least 10 children in several villages in Sokoto state in north-west Nigeria, Kaduna radio reported.

Boy sacrificed

Kuala Lumpur (AP) – A 16-year-old boy was beheaded and offered as a human sacrifice by a Chinese medium seeking the lucky number for a weekly lottery, the New Straits Times reported. The medium and three other men were arrested.

Senator goes green for votes

From Nicholas Ashford
Chicago



Senator Charles Percy, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, is normally the most reserved of men, his quiet-spoken, sober-suited demeanour being more that of a diplomat than a politician.

Yet there he was last Saturday, prancing round like a leprechaun during Chicago's St Patrick's Day parade in a brilliant green jacket and funny hat, shaking every outstretched hand he could grab hold of.

All Americans become Irish for the day on March 17 and tend to behave more exuberantly than usual. But there was another reason for Mr Percy's flamboyant attire and attention-grabbing behaviour.

The 64-year old Illinois Republican is seeking another six-year term in the Senate and is facing the first primary challenge of his 18-year Senate career.

His Republican challenger is Representative Tom Corcoran, a 45-year-old right-winger who is against abortion, gun control and the Equal Rights Amendment. He has sought to portray himself as being more in tune with President Reagan than the "moderate" Senator Percy.

Although polls indicated that Mr Percy should easily brush aside Mr Corcoran's challenge, he has left nothing to chance. He has been campaigning hard round the state for months, and has spent over $1.5m (£1m) in an attempt to show voters that his seniority in the Senate is a political asset for Illinois.

Mr Percy's main concern is that if he does not achieve a convincing win in the primary, which was held yesterday, this could weaken his hand for the much tougher fight that awaits him in the November elections.

The Democrats have earmarked Illinois as one of the Senate seats they hope to win in their attempt to regain control of the Upper House this autumn.

Four Democratic contenders are vying for the opportunity to unseat Mr Percy. The two front-runners are representative Paul Simon, a liberal five-term congressman and former Lieutenant-Governor of Illinois, and Mr Alex Seith, a local Lawyer who has tried and failed to be elected to the Senate on three previous occasions.

The two others are Mr. Roland Burris, a black two-term comptroller of Illinois, who is hoping to ride on a crest of black votes to victory, and Mr. Philip Rock, the right-wing President of the state senate, who is considered a no-hoper despite being endorsed by the Chicago political "machine".

Political observers say that Mr Simon, who has been the front-runner for most of the race, ought to win the nomination given his congressional experience and liberal record. But he has run an ineffective campaign and has become, in the words of one supporter, "the Walter Mondale of the Senate race".

Mr Seith, on the other hand, has spent $800,000 (must of it his own money) on a skilful campaign which has transformed him from being a political joke into a strong challenger.

The Senate primaries were among a long list of electoral contests being held in Illinois yesterday. Altogether voters had 265 names to choose from for their nominees for the Presidency, Senate, House of Representatives, and a host of local posts ranging from sanitary district trustees to recorder of deeds.

The most bitterly fought were the 50-ward committee races in Chicago and the surrounding Cook County. These races are the key battleground in the struggle between Mr Harold Washington, Chicago's black mayor, and Alderman Edward "Fast Eddie" Vrdolyak, chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party, for control of the "machine" which has long been the dominant political force in America's second city.

Drugs used 'to cover up torture'

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg

A former white student leader has claimed that he was given drugs by Security Police to reduce swelling and bruising caused by torture.

A prescription for the drugs was produced as evidence in the Pretoria Supreme court yesterday, where Mr Auret van Heerden, a former president of the National Union of South African Students, is suing 10 policemen for damages totalling 113,000 rand (about £64,000).

Mr Van Heerden was held without trial for 289 days between September, 1981, and July, 1982, on suspicion of having links with the banned African National Congress and was eventually released without charge.

He claimed that on November 18 and 19 at a police station in Benoni, an industrial town near Johannesburg, he was kept for more than 10 hours with one wrist hancuffed to an ankle. A tight-fitting canvas bag was pulled over his head, he was half-strangled with a wet towel, given electrical shocks and the soles of his feet were beaten with a sjambok.

Mr Van Heerden told the court that Warrant Officer Lawrence Prince, one of the defendants, gave him the tablets on November 20. Later, the policeman gave him the whole bottle, on which was written the name of a Lieutenant J. Swanepoel and a Benoni chemist.

Mr Sydney Kentridge, the barrister representing Mr Van Heerden, produced the chemist as a witness, as well as the original prescription for several drugs, including one used to reduce swelling and bruising. It was dated November 19, 1981, and made out in the name of Lieutenant Swanepoel.

Mr Kentridge put it to Warrant Officer Prince that Mr Van Heeden had been "deliberately turned over to the tough Benoni squad so that they could beat a confession out of him. Not only did you do so, but you greatly enjoyed doing so and took great pleasure in torturing him".

The defendant, however, denied he had ever given the tablets to Mr Van Heerden, or that the detainee had any bruises or swelling which needed treatment.

Angola and Cuba await Pretoria's response to troop cuts agreement

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

South Africa was reported last night to be drafting a response to an agreement signed on Monday by Cuba and Angola under which Cuban troops in Angola would be gradually withdrawn, provided certain conditions were met.

The agreement was drawn up during a three-day visit to Cuba by President Eduardo Dos Santos of Angola. South Africa has repeatedly said that the presence of about 25,000 Cuban troops in Angola is now the only obstacle to implementing United Nations Security Council Resolution 435, which provides for Namibia's independence from South African control.

Under Resolution 435, a ceasefire would be declared in Namibia between South African forces and guerrillas of the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo).

Then, under the supervision of a UN peacekeeping force, South African troops in Namibia would be cut back to 1,500 men and confined to barracks, while Swapo guerrillas would be confined to their bases in Angola. This would be followed by elections to a constituent assembly which would draft a constitution for the territory.

Some conditions in the agreement between Angola and Cuba are already being met. These include a South African withdrawal from southern Angola, an end to aggression against or threat to Angola from South Africa, the United States or their allies, and an end to aid from these sources to the Angolan insurgency of Dr Jonas Savimbi or other "puppets".

The agreement also calls for the "strict application" of Resolution 435, "access for Namibia to its true independence" and the complete withdrawal of South African troops from Namibia.

If Angola is saying that these things must happen before Cuban troops start leaving, South Africa could hardly agree, given the position it has taken up till now. There is some ambiguity in the agreement, however; the departure of the Cuban troops could possibly coincide with the implementation of 435.

Quake hits Soviet republics

Moscow (AP) – A huge earthquake struck the Soviet central Asian republics of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan early yesterday destroying buildings in at least one town and one city and rocking the cities of Tashkent and Samarkand, Tass reported.

Tass made no mention of casualties in its first report from the area. It said the earthquake shook towns and cities on an 500-mile line from Tashkent south-west to Ashkhabad on the Soviet-Iranian border.

The agency said the earthquake hit hardest in Gazli, a small town severely damaged by a similar earthquake in 1976; the Uzbek city of Bukhara near the Uzbek-Turkmen border; and in the Turkmen city of Chardzhou just across the border.

Emergency aid was sent to the areas and both local and national emergency agencies had been mobilized.

Soviet authorities rarely specify damages and casualties from natural disasters. The fact that any damage was reported at all could indicate that the earthquake caused serious destruction. Tass said that it registered more than nine at the epicentre on the 12-point Medvedev scale, which is classified as "devastating".

Savage Peru murders

Relatives fear cover-up over dead journalists

By Colin Harding

The savage murder of eight Peruvian journalists and their local guide in a remote Andean village hit world headlines early last year.

A commission of inquiry appointed by the Government in Lima concluded, after a brief investigation, that the reporters had been killed by mistake, by panic-stricken villagers who took them for marauding Maoist guerrillas who had been terrorizing the Ayacucho region of south-central Peru.

The relatives of the dead journalists were not convinced. There were too many loose ends, too many inexplicable details in the official version of what happened in the village of Uchuraccay on January 26, 1983.

Mothers and widows began to meet in each other's houses to discuss the case, and decided to hire lawyers to represent them in the judicial inquiry that was initiated as soon as the mutilated bodies of the journalists were discovered. Fourteen months later they are still pressing for the Peruvian courts to pronounce on the case.

"The judge's inquiries have go nowhere," Señora Gloria Trelles de Mendívil said in London yesterday. Her 22-year-old son, Jorge Luis, was one of the eight victims of the Uchuraccay Massacre. She had come to Europe as representative of a Peruvian human rights organization in the hope of putting the case, and that of more than a hundred people who have "disappeared" in the Ayacucho guerrilla zone, to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva. In the Event she was bitterly disappointed when a Guatemalan representative was allotted the few minutes at the microphone that she had been promised.

Señora Mendívil has long since grown accustomed to disappointments. When she and other relatives of the dead journalists asked to see the wife of President Fernando Belaúnde last May they had to wait six months before she agreed to see them. There have been endless delays and postponements in the judicial investigation.

The relatives are now convinced that there was a political motive behind the killings and that a cover-up has been under way ever since. Señora Mendívil accepts that specific evidence for this is lacking, but she feels that so many delays and obstacles placed in the way of the judicial inquiry by the military authorities in Ayacucho must mean that they have something to hide.

Both the president of the Supreme Court and the Attorney-General have complained that the general in command in Ayacucho failed throughout last year to give the investigators the facilities and protection they needed to carry out their work in a highly dangerous area.

Señora Mendívil has come to believe that the journalists were killed with official connivance because they were close to discovering damaging evidence of how the armed forces were organizing networks of informers and death-squads in the guerrilla zone.

Migrant workers 'should be allowed to vote'

From Pat Healy, Strasbourg

Foreign workers should be given the right to vote in their host countries to stem the rising tide of racism and xenophobia in Europe, a Portuguese socialist in exile told a conference yesterday.

Senhor Rudolfo Crespo was speaking at a conference in Strasbourg on the theme: "Aliens in Europe, a threat or an asset?" organized by the Council of Europe in response to widespread alarm at hostility towards foreigners in many parts of Europe.

Senhor Crespo, who exiled himself to France during the Salazar dictatorship said he had witnessed the growing nationalism of the French with Algerians

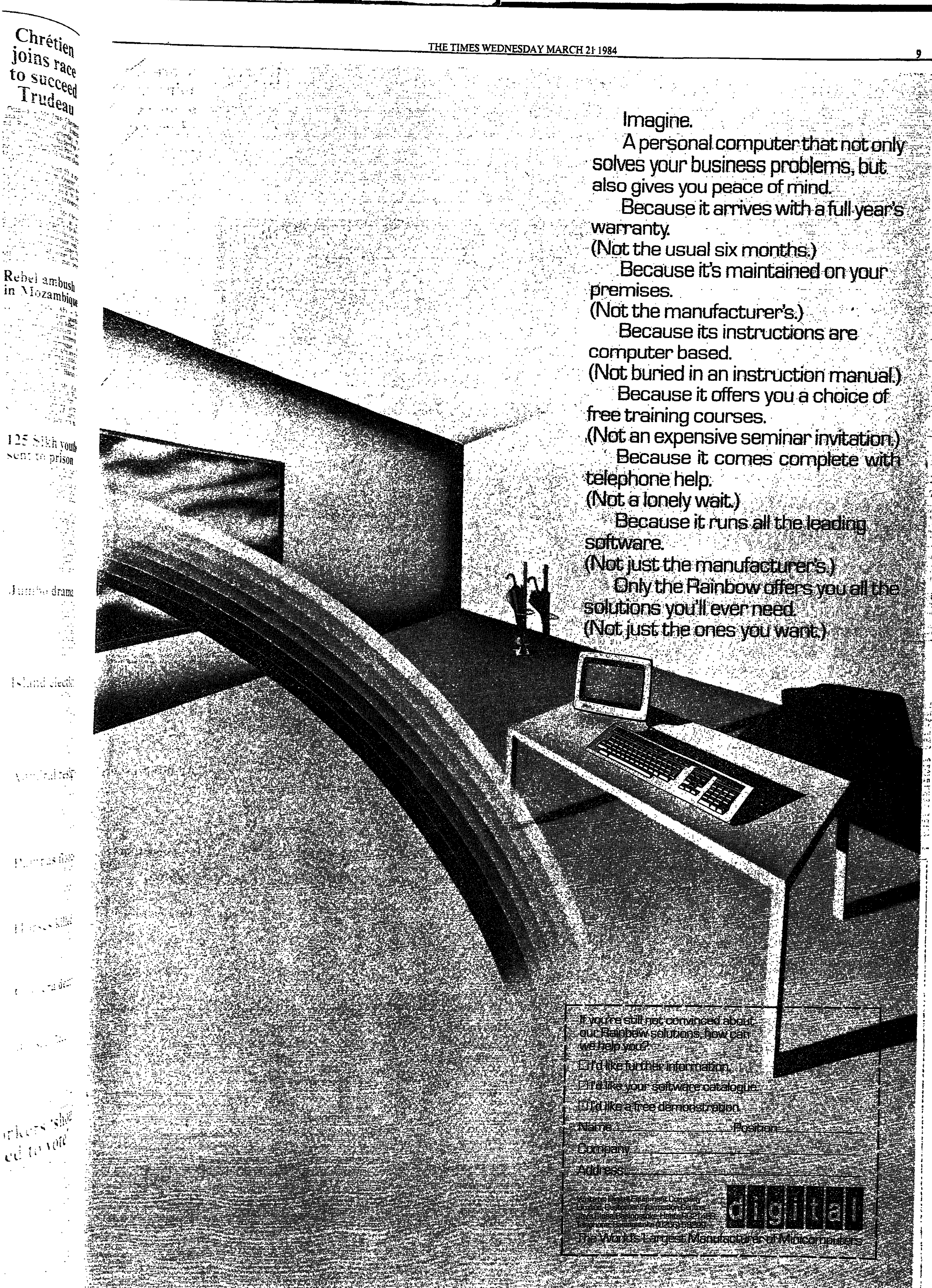
Similar views were current in Portugal against migrants from its former colonies, typically those from the Cape Verde islands. "Our political system is at fault," Senhor Crespo said. "Foreigners are a minority. They have no right to vote, so the political authorities cannot fully defend them against attack."

Hostility to migrants had already lead to murders of black and foreign workers in Britain, France and West Germany and to growing calls for repatriation, to what the Council of Europe sees as a vain hope that sending them all back would solve Europe's mass unemployment problem.

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Suspicion grows that Khartum launched raid on its own people

By Edward Mortimer

Suspicion that the aircraft which attacked the Sudanese city of Omdurman last Friday may have been Sudanese, and not Libyan as claimed by Khartum, is widely shared among Sudanese living in this country and British observers who know Sudan well.

Such suspicion is by no means confined to southern Sudanese opponents of the Nimeiry regime, such as Mr Joseph Oduho, whose public accusation of the Goverment was reported in *The Times* yesterday.

Mr Oduho said the aircraft took off from El Obeid in the west of the country. Other sources say that in fact it came from Wadi Sedna, a base north-west of Khartum, on the direct orders of President Nimeiry.

The target, according to these sources, was not the radio and TV station, only an annex of which was hit and which did not stop broadcasting at any point, but the house of the imprisoned opposition leader, Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi, which is immediately opposite.

The raid followed a stormy interview between Mr al-Mahdi, a former Prime Minister and leader of the influential Ansar sect, and President Nimeiry, who had visited him in prison, apparently on the direct instigation of President Mubarak of Egypt.

The Egyptians, close allies of Sudan, are extremely worried about the degenerating political situation in the country and the political isolation of the regime.

The two presidents met in Aswan, Upper Egypt, on March 11, when Mr Mubarak apparently urged his Sudanese colleague to make a new effort to reach an understanding with Mr al-Mahdi, a moderate and respected opposition leader who has been in prison since last September when he criticized Mr Nimeiry's claim to be implementing Islamic law by ordering the amputation of thieves' hands.

President Nimeiry did visit Mr al-Mahdi in prison, according to a reliable source, and offered to release him if he would give assurances of good conduct in the future.

But Mr al-Mahdi was willing to be released only if all other political prisoners were freed with him, and the only assurances he would give were contingent on President Nimeiry implementing the Port Sudan agreement of 1977, in which he promised to introduce representative government and democratic participation. Mr Nimeiry was, it seems, incensed by this reply.

Field Marshal Abdul-Halim Abu-Ghazala, the Egyptian Defence Minister, was officially said to have arrived in Khartoum from Cairo one and a half hours after the attack. Some sources say, however, that he was already there, on President Mubarak's instructions, for the precise purpose of ensuring that President Nimeiry went through with his attempt to reach an understanding with Mr al-Mahdi. Horrified by the air attack, he agreed to go along with the story that it was a Libyan raid to limit the political damage.

It that is true, it bodes ill for future Egyptian support for President Nimeiry's regime. For the moment, however, this part of the story is unconfirmed. The Egyptians are supporting Sudan's complaint against Libya at the UN, but admit in private that they have no evidence to back it up. The Americans, who have sent AWACS aircraft to Egypt to help prevent any further attacks, say they do have some independent evidence of Libyan involvement, but it is not absolutely conclusive.

The British Government has made no official comment on responsibility for the attack, but Mrs Margaret Thatcher has sent a message of commiseration to President Nimeiry through the British Ambassador in Khartum, Mr Richard Fyjis-Walker.

Rebels in the south, riots in the north

Sudan slides into civil war with a demoralized army

By Carol Berger

One of the basic rules which has governed Sudan for the past five years is that patience is a virtue to be paid in oil revenue. Sudan's Western backers have certainly banked on it, and the burgeoning urban population has seen it as a reprieve from petrol shortages, high inflation and low earnings.

But none of this is likely to happen – at least not as long as President Gaafar Nimeiry is unable to come to terms with a problem in the south which just will not go away.

Last week's air raid on Omdurman in which, according to Khartum, five people were killed, has highlighted the simmering unrest afflicting Africa's [illegible] Sudan [illegible] Libya for the [illegible] Mr Joseph Oduho, the [illegible] leader of the [illegible] Liberation Movement in the south, says Khartum attacked its own people and manufactured an external threat to justify calling [illegible] Egyptian assistance.

Organized violence against the Army and foreign interests has been on the increase and has spread to the capital.

While the northern Arabs may have little sympathy for the aspirations of their southern brothers, growing frustration with the Nimeiry regime is leading to unrest.

Rioting on the University of Khartum campus last month spread into the streets. Secret police searched student lockers and arrested two – one of whom was severely beaten before his release. The police searches came after the once-powerful Muslim Brotherhood, supporters of Islamic law, were soundly trounced in two faculty elections.

In a [illegible] campus politics [illegible] professing [illegible] could be heard [illegible] against police [illegible] over loudspeakers. The word is out: the Muslim Brotherhood, which gave full support to Mr Nimeiry, is suddenly out of fashion.

In downtown Khartum, the public gathered to criticize the regime. Riot police moved in and repeatedly charged the crowd. In another incident, a smaller group called for decisive action against the south and its destabilizing rebels. But the consensus remains that any military attempts would end in disaster.

The Army, given its lack of discipline and motivation, would probably spread rebel support across the region. Sudan it appears, will have to wait for a political, negotiated solution.

In the first week of February, rebels attacked the Chevron Oil Company's southern Sudan base. Three foreigners were killed and seven injured. The next day, Chevron began to close part of the operation. A week later, Chevron and President Nimeiry agreed to suspend all oil exploration until "political stability returns".

A pipeline to move southern oil to a northern Red Sea port was being constructed. The suspension of Chevron's investment means that will be delayed. And, as the domino effect continues, smaller but much-needed Western investors in the south will also pull out. Chevron was due to spend about $220m (£150m) on oil exploration and recovery this year.

On February 10, southern rebels attacked an army base south of Malakal in the Upper Nile region. Next to the beleagured base was the Jonglei Canal camp of the French company, CCI. Since November when nine CCI workers were kidnapped by rebels, no work has been done on the massive canal project. The latest attack, according to the rebels, was because CCI was helping the Army with surveillance in the area.

In the five hours of fighting, more than [illegible] workers and their families were evacuated [illegible] to Malakal and one [illegible], an Australian, was killed. The Government tried to play [illegible], if not misrepresent, the event, claiming that troops inflicted heavy losses on the rebels.

[illegible] any Khartum resident [illegible] the army has not won a [illegible] victory in the [illegible] year. It is [illegible] of many, but [illegible] described as [illegible] civilians [illegible].

[illegible] the Army to avoid an eventual coup. And, as observers note, he has succeeded. Starting with the removal of his Chief of Staff and other high-ranking officers, he has reduced the military establishment to cliques and quietly removed or retired those who emerge as clique leaders.

American military aid was directed towards maintenance and build-up of army transport capabilities. These plans were ineffective. Lorries are no better maintained today than they were five years ago. The Army has become an immobile, demoralized and leaderless mass. It is a poor time to allow a new civil war to begin.

Mr Nimeiry: Accused of emasculating the army.



Guerrilla war: Members of a Nicaraguan counter-insurgency unit near the Honduras border, where rebels have been fighting Nicaraguan regular army forces.

On the Salvador campaign trail

The rise and rise of D'Aubuisson

From John Carlin, San Salvador

The electoral campaign of Major Roberto D'Aubuisson's Republican Nationalist Alliance (Arena) reached its symbolic climax this week with the biggest, most colourful rally yet, gathering 12,000 people in a San Salvador football stadium draped with the party's red, white and blue colours.

Representatives of the landowing, business and professional classes, seated nearest to Major D'Aubuisson in the noisy stadium, hung on his every word, shrieked with laughter as he poured practised abuse on the Christian Democratic opposition and applauded with fervour when he appealed to their sense of Salvadorean nationalist pride to pull the country out of its communist-ridden mire.

The extraordinary rise of the cashiered major – a wiry, handsom man of 40 – since he founded Arena less than three years ago is owed principally to his shrewd perception that the widespread terror of communism felt by the dominant classes could be channelled, urged by the rallying cry *nacionlismo* into a vigorous political force.

"That's D'Aubuisson's great achievement, little recognized", said Señor Mario Valiente, director-general of the American Chamber of Commerce in El Salvador.

"There are many of us who felt alone, under a psychosis of fear generated by the guerrillas. He reoriented all these threatened forces and fused them into an ordered political party", Señor Valiente added.

Born into a lower-middle-class family in 1943, D'Aubuisson set out in 1958 to rise socially in time-honoured Salvadorean fashion – he embarked on a military career.

Major D'Aubuisson attended the International Police Academy in Washington and the US Military School in Panama in the early 1960s and graduated at the Salvadorean Military Academy, with little distinction, in 1963. He then took psychological warfare courses in Uruguay and Taiwan, became an intelligence officer in the highly professional, jackbooted National Guard, and in the late 1970s rose to second-in-command of Ansesal, a special force for processing information from political prisoners.

In October, 1979, there was a coup by moderate officers and he was expelled from the Army for his extreme political views and dubious record in human rights. In May, 1980, he was arrested for his part in planning an alleged right-wing coup attempt, but was freed three days later

The major fled to neighbouring Guatemala, where he acquainted himself at first hand with Latin American counter-insurgency tactics untramelled by the conditions American aid imposes. He also forged close contacts there with the exiles and embittered Salvadorean rich.

Major D'Aubuisson returned from Guatemala, founded Arena in August, 1981, and in less than a year become president of the Constituent Assembly after joining forces with other right-wing parties after elections in March, 1982.

It is widely believed, however, that his meteoric rise is owed not just to a keen political eye but also to his proficiency in the traditional Salvadorean art of terror.

There is compelling evidence that Major D'Aubuisson is the leader of the country's death squads, responsible for many thousands of deaths in recent years, and that he ordered the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero, the champion of the poor, in March, 1980.

The United States has twice denied Major D'Aubuisson an entry visa in the past four months because of his unseemly associations. The possibility is always being raised that the United States will cut off, or severely restrict, aid to El Salvador if Major D'Abuisson becomes President in next Sunday's elections.

But Major D'Aubuisson uses this to political advantage with his followers, who are increasingly despondent at the country's inability to check the growing left-wing guerrilla threat despite – or, as many of them see it, because of – $1,000m (£714m) worth of American help.

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British observers fly in

The two British observers for Sunday's presidential elections have arrived in El Salvador, both eager to emphasize that their task will be substantially more than a mechanical scrutiny of the poll (John Carlin writes, San Salvador).

Their official brief is "to report on the elections, having regard to the particular circumstances of the country at the present time".

Sir James Swaffield and Dr David Browning both interpreted this as meaning that they could choose their own plan of action, who they would see and where they would go, "to get a representative view from all sectors in El Salvador".

Sir James recently retired as director-general of the Greater London Council, where he served for 40 years. A solicitor by profession, he has wide first-hand knowledge of the mechanics of an election. In London, for example, he ran the referendum for entry into the EEC.

Dr Browning is a geography lecturer at Oxford University, married to a Salvadorean. In 1971 he published a book on the history of agricultural development in El Salvador.

The two said they would very much like to go to the war-torn east of the country, though keeping "as low a profile as possible".

Their mission is at the instigation of the British Government, to which they will report their findings

Indonesia tries to mend its fences with Asean partners

From David Watts
Singapore

Indonesia moved swiftly last night to patch up a growing rift with its partners in the Association of South-East Asian Nations over Cambodia.

Dr Mochtar Kasumaatmadja, the Foreign Minister, set out on a hastilly arranged fence-mending mission, flying to Bangkok with later stops scheduled in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

His mission is twofold – to reassure Asean partners that Indonesia's common policy initiative with Australia in trying to woo the Vietnamese is not getting too far ahead of his more conservative Thai collegues; and to brief the other members on the tour just concluded by the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Co Thach.

Mr Nguyen Co Thatch has raised hopes of a breakthrough by asserting that Vietnam is willing to discuss Cambodia as a priority issue. The new Vietnamese formula would exclude discussion of Soviet use of military facilities in Vietnam, which suits the Indonesians because they are not unhappy to see the Russians there as a counter-balance to the Chinese.

Vietnam has always insisted previously that regional security must be examined as a whole, taking into account the Chinese threat, American bases in the Philippines, and US access to Thai facilities.

After his talks in Jakarta and Canberra, Mr Nguyen Co Thach proposed that Australia, Indonesia and Vietnam should contact other governments to "find some appropriate forum for discussions".

When Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, first proposed last year that Australia play a "facilitating" role in the search for a Cambodian solution, there was consternation and scepticism in Asean – consternation because Australia appeared to be about to resume aid to Vietnam without seeking a pro quid pro, and scepticism that a rather inexperienced, left-leaning Government in Canberra could produce results where all others had failed.

The Australians, however, carefully excluded all talk of resumed aid while Mr Nguyen Co Thach was there and have found a good deal of common ground with both the Vietnamese and the Indonesians.

The strongest common denominator is the desire to exclude the Khmer Rouge from the Cambodian equation. The Vietnamese, who predict the Khymer Rouge would immediately take over Cambodia again should they leave, found support from leading Indonesian policy-makers at a seminar in Hanoi.

Stoph's niece arrives in West

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

The niece of Herr Willi Stoph, the East German Prime Minister, arrived with her family in West Germany yesterday less than three weeks after their return to East Berlin from the West German Embassy in Prague where they had sought political asylum.

Frau Ingrid Berg crossed the inner-German frontier with her husband and two small children in a grey Soviet-Built car and drove to the emergency reception centre for East German immigrants at Giessen, near Frankfurt. Her mother-in-law, who also spent six days in the Prague Embassey in an attempt to flee to the West, was apparently not with them.

The Bergs left their house in the south-eastern suburbs of Berlin yesterday morning and crossed the border near Eisenach. They will probably stay two days in Giessen, where they will be given West German papers and registered along with the hundreds of other East Germans now arriving there each day.

The Bonn Government, which negotiated the exit of the Bergs from the Prague Embassy and obtained unofficial assurances from the East Germans that they would be allowed to imigrate speedily, yesterday refused all comment on the family's arrival.

The flood of emigrants meanwhile has shown no signs of stopping, though Herr Heinrich Windelen has given a warning against exaggerated hopes of the numbers allowed out. He said the present wave was a one-time action during which the East German authorities were getting rid of people who might be a potential nuisance.

Since the beginning of this year some 10,000 East Germans, many of whom had applied to emigrate several years ago, have been allowed to leave for West Germany.

Tory MPs urge direct talks with Argentina

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister is being urged by Conservative backbenchers to reconsider her attitude to direct talks with the Argentine.

She said in the Commons last Thursday: "It would be difficult to restore diplomatic relations until Argentina said that hostilities towards us had permanently ceased."

But a group of 28 backbenchers yesterday tabled a Commons motion saying that it was "in the immediate interests" of the United Kingdom, the Falkland Islands and Argentina that direct diplomatic links should be restored.

The MPs include Mr Stephen Dorrell (Loughborough) Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr Peter Walker, Secretary for Energy, Mr Peter Bottomley (Eltham), PPS to Mr Norman-Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, and Mr Kenneth Carlisle (Lincoln) a PPS to junior Home Office ministers.

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Indian dock strike death toll rises to 7

Delhi (AFP) – The death toll from Monday's clashes involving rival factions of dock workers and police in the eastern port of Paradip rose to seven yesterday. Five hundred people were injured.

The clashes came as a nationwide strike by some 300,000 dockers seeking higher pay went into its fifth day, paralysing the country's 10 largest ports, including Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, and stranding dozens of ships at an estimated cost of several million dollars a day.

Reports yesterday said the dead included five policemen killed as they reied to prevent a clash between unionized dockers and independent longshoremen. Police said 120 people had been arrested.

A state of emergency has been declared to cope with the tense situation but security forces claimed they were in control, and the Navy had been placed on full alert to protect port installations.

Crude bombs were hurled at the police who were also attacked by about 1,000 independent dock workers armed with knives and guns, according to the Press Trust of India.

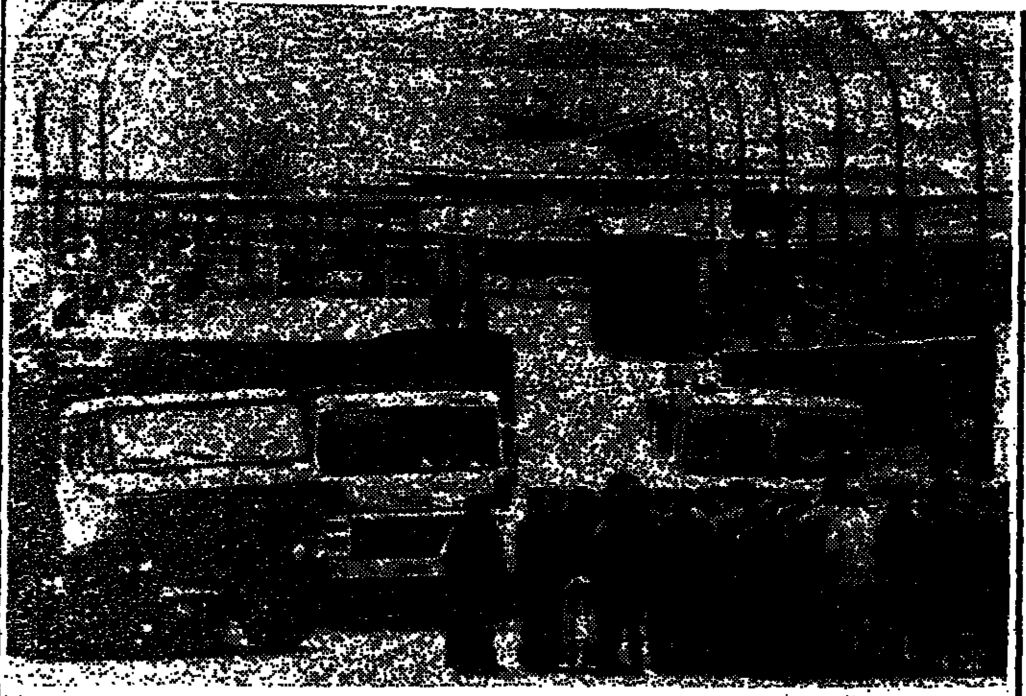
Police had to open fire to quell the rioters who also set fire to hundreds of huts belonging to independent dock workers, the agency added.

Paradip's unionized dock workers affiliated to the pro-Congress (Mrs Gandhi's party) Indian National Trade Union Congress (Intuc) have been on strike since March 9.

Another group, meanwhile, set up a new organization called the Forwarding and Clearing Workers Pool to carry on loading and unloading of cargo into wagons and lorries.

Fearing a defection of members to the new workers pool, about 1,000 armed Intuc-affiliated workers moved against the independents.

Meanwhile on Monday in Tuticorin, in the eastern coastal state of Tamil Nadu, troops unloaded a cargo of 23,000 tons of coal destined for the city's electrical power plant without intervention from local port workers.



Border protest: French drivers with their lorries blocking the frontier at Irún.

Frontier blockage traps 1,500 lorries

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Some 1,500 lorries were held up yesterday on both sides of the Franco-Spanish frontier at Irun as angry French lorry drivers kept up a blockade of the access roads. They were protesting over continued burning by Spanish fishermen of French vehicles.

The only people able to cross the main frontier were pedestrians or motor cyclists. Private motorists were told to go either by a small frontier post still open in neighbouring Navarra, or through Catalonia.

The blockade by about 100 French lorries was in reply to the worst day's toll yet. On Monday five French-owned lorries in a convoy protected by Basque police were ambushed on a mountain pass by more than 100 fishermen armed with sticks.

The attackers threw petrol bombs at the lorries, fought the police and later prevented firemen from tackling the blaze. Seven French lorries were destroyed on Spanish roads on Monday.

A total of 22 French lorries has been destroyed by the Basque fishermen who aim to prevent any fish from EEC countries entering Spain after the recent incident when a French naval patrol fired on two Spanish trawlers fishing illegally in the Bay of Biscay.

A spokesman of the French lorry drivers at Irun threatened to extend the blockade to Catalonia. Basque trawler owners meanwhile are threatening to return in force to the Bay of Biscay.

Amnesty report alleges torture in Quebec jail

By Henry Stanhope

Allegations of torture or ill-treatment of prisoners in a Canadian jail years ago are made by Amnesty International today.

It says there are "reasonable grounds" for believing the offences, said to have occurred after a riot at Archambault Institution in Quebec.

In some of the more serious incidents, prisoners were alleged to have had tear gas sprayed into their mouths and to have been kept naked in their cells for up to three weeks, beaten, deprived of sleep and "choked" by wet towels

Amnesty sent a fact-finding mission to the maximum-security prison, where three guards and two prisoners died in the preceding riots in April last year. It received "full cooperation" from the Canadian Goverment

Tanzanians held for six years without trial

Dar es Salaam (AP) – Nearly 4,000 people have been held for as long as six years in Tanzanian jails awaiting trial because of incomplete police investigations and failures by courts to hear their cases, a senior official has disclosed.

The Deputy Home Minister, Mr Hamad Rashid Mohamed, was quoted in yesterday's *Daily News* as complaining that "such delays deny the people justice".

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Tax relief for life tenant's farmland

Finch and Others v Commissioners of Inland Revenue

Before Lord Justice Oliver, Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Dillon

[Judgment delivered March 14]

Land in the possession of a life tenant immediately before his death and used by him in his farming business came within paragraph 2 of Schedule 10 to the Finance Act 1976 – the provision giving relief from capital transfer tax on "transfers of value" of business property.

The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, so held, Lord Justice Dillon dissenting, in allowing an appeal by the trustees of the Coed Coch estate against a capital transfer tax determination made by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue following the death of the life tenant, Mr Edward Watkin Williams Wynn. The court reversed the decision of Mr Justice Vinelott (*The Times*, December 13, 1982; [1983] STC 157) who, refusing to grant the trustees a declaration that they should be entitled to the relief sought, had held that the settled land did not qualify as "relevant business property".

Section 100 (1)(3) of the Finance Act 1981 now applies to "transfers of value" of settled land made after March, 1981.

Mr D. C. Potter, QC and Mr David Shirley for the trustees; Mr Jonathan Parker, QC and Mr Michael Hart for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER said that by paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 10 where the value transferred by a transfer of value was attributable to the value of any relevant business property made after April 6, 1976, the value transferred was to be treated as reduced by 30 per cent. Pararagh 3(1) of that Schedule went on to define "relevant business property". Paragraph 6 provided that for the purposes of Schedule 10 the value of a business was to be taken to the value which would be its net value if determined under paragraph 14(2) of Schedule 4 to the Finance Act 1975.

Paragraph 14(2) provided that "the net value of a business is the value of the assets used in the business (including goodwill) reduced by the aggregate amount of any liabilities incurred for the purposes of the business".

The life tenant had died in 1977. The claim by the trustees was in respect of some 257 acres of land that he had occupied immediately before his death for the purpose of his farming business.

They claimed that that land constituted "relevant business property" for the purpose of paragraph 2 of Schedule 10 and that accordingly in so far as the deceased's estate was attributable to the value of that property that latter value fell to be reduced in accordance with the provisions of that Schedule. The Revenue had declined to accept that.

The trustees' primary argument was that paragraph 3 (a) of Schedule 10 defined "relevant business property" as including "property consisting of a business or an interest in a business" and that paragraph 6 directed that the value of a business was taken to be what would be its net value if determined under paragraph 14 (2) of Schedule 4 to the 1975 Act.

When reference was made to that paragraph it was seen that the net value was "the value of the assets used in the business". It was beyond doubt, they contended, that the relevant portion of the settled land was "used in the business" and accordingly since its value formed part of the value transferred on the death, it fell within the definition of "relevant business property". Any other conclusion, they said, would lead to anomalous and even capricious results.

For the Crown it was argued: (1) Under paragraph 14(2) of Schedule 4, the assets to be taken into account were only those that could be described as assets of the business and did not include land in which the deceased had no more than a beneficial life interest. While, therefore the business of a farmer who was a freeholder of the land would comprise the farmland, the same could not apply where the farmer had merely a limited interest.

(2) In the context of paragraphs 3 and 6 of Schedule 10, the provisions of paragraph 14 were not to be treated as provisions defining the business – they were valuation provisions only. The only relevant description was "property consisting of a business" in paragraph 3(1)(a) and such property would not ordinarily be said to include land in which the deceased had only a limited interest.

(3) Even if the deceased's life interest fell to be counted as an asset for valuation purposes, it should be valued only as a life interest disposed of by a disposition deemed to take place the moment before death and thus as an asset having no value.

Mr Justice Vinelott had decided the point in favour of the Crown primarily as a matter of the construction of paragraph 14(2) of Schedule 4.

His Lordship considered the points made by the Crown and rejected them. He continued saying that the case was to be approached by considering the position under the 1975 Act.

One had to take as the starting point section 21 and paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 5 to that Act: it was only by virtue of those provisions that the value of settled land came to be comprised at all in the transfer of value which was deemed to take place immediately prior to a death. Those provisions were in general terms and not for any limited purpose. They directed that the person beneficially entitled in possession in settled property was to be treated as beneficially entitled to the property in which the interest subsisted.

One had then to ascertain what proportion of the notionally transferred value was represented by the deceased's business. If one asked "of what property did the deceased's business consist immediately prior to his death", the answer was that it included whatever interest he had in the land and buildings with which it was carried on.

Accordingly, the life interest had for paragraph 14(2) purposes to be one of the assets used in the business whose value had to be taken into account. But the value of that asset was part of the value included in the chargeable transfer that was deemed to have taken place, and for that purpose had statutorily to be treated as if it were the interest of an absolute owner.

Moreover, there was no reason for that asset to be included at a value less than that statutorily attributed to it in the overall valuation of the transfer of value.

His Lordship said that he would allow the appeal. The appropriate declaration was that in ascertaining the net value of the business of the deceased life tenant for the purposes of paragraph 14 of Schedule 4 to the 1975 Act and paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 10 to the 1976 Act, account was to be taken of the value of the appropriate acreage of the settled land.

Lord Justice O'Connor delivered a concurring judgment.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON, dissenting, said that he had not found the question raised by the appeal at all easy but had in the end come to the same decision as had Mr Justice Vinelott and for substantially the same reasons.

Solicitors: Lee & Pembertons; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Rent Acts concession

Regina v Bloomsbury and Marylebone County Court, Ex parte Blackburne

A county court judge did not have the jurisdiction to make a consent order in an action for the recovery of possession of premises let on a protected tenancy or subject to a statutory tenancy within section 98(1) of the Rent Act 1977 unless he had obtained from the tenant or his legal representative the concession that the tenant was not entitled to protection of the Rent Acts.

Mr Justice Glidewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division on March 7 in quashing the consent order made by Judge Curtis-Raleigh in the Bloomsbury and Marylebone County Court that the applicant, David Blackburne, was required to give up possession of a ground floor and basement flat to the landlords.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the order itself showed that the landlords had conceded that a valid tenancy existed even though it might be construed that the tenant was agreeing he did not have a contractual tenancy. The vital question was whether the tenant was resident within the meaning of the Rent Acts.

When considering whether the landlord was entitled to possession the judge had to consider whether the tenant was entitled to the protection of the Rent Acts: see *Thorne v Smith* ([1947] 1 KB 307). The judge should have pressed the tenant or his representative to say that he was conceding the tenant was not entitled to the protection of the Rent Acts.

Applicant cross-examined

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Manuel

Mr Justice McNeill, hearing an application in the Queen's Bench Division on March 15 for judicial review of detention and removal orders which the secretary of state had made against the applicant because he believed that the applicant was an illegal immigrant by reason of his having fraudulently obtained clearance to enter the United Kingdom by tendering false documents, granted an application on behalf of the secretary of state to have the applicant called for the purpose of being cross-examined.

HIS LORDSHIP, having considered what the House of Lords had said in *O'Reilly v Mackman* ([1983] 2 AC 237, 282) and in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja* ([1984] AC 74, 124-5), said that he was satisfied that this was a proper case to allow the cross-examination of the applicant.

An important factor had been that counsel for the applicant had at an early stage offered his client for cross-examination. His Lordship had a reservation whether an applicant could so tender himself, but that difficulty had been resolved by the secretary of state's application.

On March 16, his Lordship granted an order of certiorari.

In *Orwell Steel Ltd v Asphalt and Tarmac Ltd (The Times* March 15) the reference to Order 28 RSC should have read Order 29.



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Originally yours, Heath Robinson

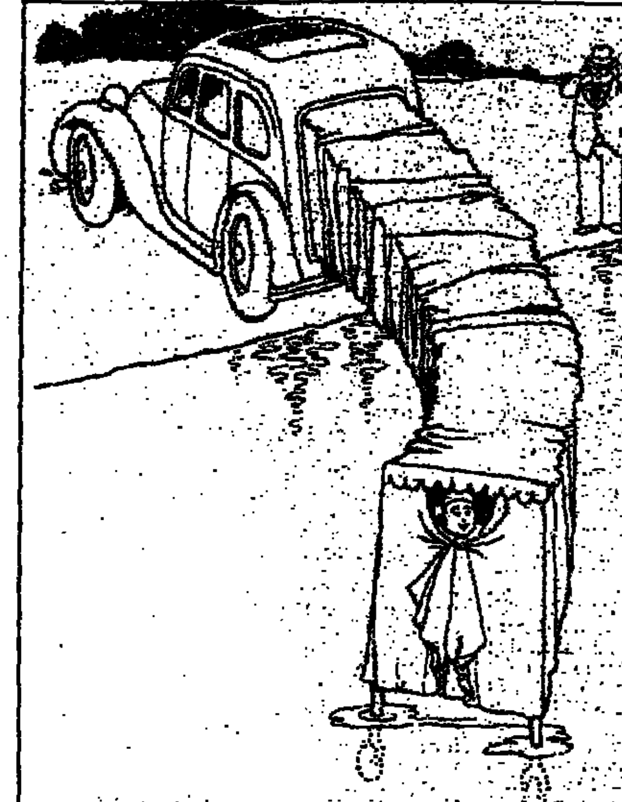
The style is inimitable, the content unmistakable. Artifacts of labyrinthine complexity, dedicated to the most inessential task, pay tribute to the skill and wit of the most popular visual satirist of the Machine Age (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

William Heath Robinson, an important new exhibition of whose works has opened in London, was a modest, retiring and sober man who by the time of his death in 1944 had given a new phrase to the English language. Ingenuity, and technology, would never be quite the same again.

But Robinson, before the Lamson Paragon Supply Company tempted him into intricacies of illustrating coke ovens and marmalade factories, was a brilliant and original illustrator and it is as much with this aspect of his work that the exhibition will deal.

Mr Chris Beetles, who is staging it at his gallery in Maida Vale, describes it as the biggest ever commercial exhibition of Robinson's works. Seventy originals are for sale and the spread is comprehensive, from the fantasy illustrations for the Hans Anderson fairy tales and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to the cartoons in contemporary journals such as *The Strand*.

But there will be a selection of what is seen as the quintessential Heath Robinson: *The Peaceful Conversion of a Torpedo to a Foot Warmer*, for example.



The Modesty Bathing Car.

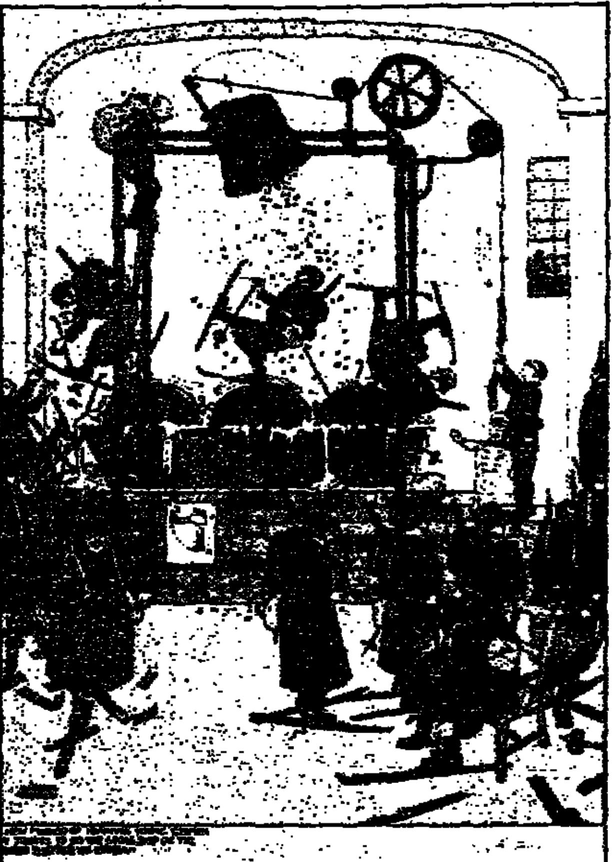


Sagacity of Indian elephant in saving master's life.

The New Banting Bed for reducing the figure.



Ingeniously disguised periscope off the Margate coast observing an enemy.



A new method of training young German ski troops to do the goose step on the frozen steppes of Russia.



A video thriller to scale the hypes

The video of the video arrives in Britain on March 30, and, if the United States is anything to go by, it will herald the birth of a new form of music business hype.

Making Michael Jackson's Thriller is a video record of the black American singer's biggest recent single and the direction of the promotional film for it by John Landis, the former 20th Century Fox mail boy who went on to make *The Blues Brothers*, *An American Werewolf in London*, and, most recently, *Trading Places*.

The 14-minute film of the song failed to impress the BBC, which thought necromancy a-go-go – the video is shot as a modern horror movie – a little too strong for *Top of the Pops*.

It later surfaced on Channel 4, and might have rested there (the music is repetitive, even with a Vincent Price voice-over, and the style too predictable) were it not for the neat idea of tagging 44 minutes of narcissism on the end.

It has also turned an ephemeral pop product into a new form of home video hard sell. Vestron, the US video company which seized on the idea, says it expects 60,000 copies to be shipped initially into Britain which, at nearly £20 a time, represents a potential turnover of £1.2m, a third of that profit going to the retailer. Sales of at least 150,000 are claimed in the US – a music video record.

This may annoy Jackson's record company, CBS, a little. It was slow to get in on the video act and left the field open to Vestron, a company which includes adult fare like *The Art of Making Love* and *Ultraflesh* among its US offerings. Still, with 23 million internal sales of the *Thriller* album to its credit, a record for a solo artist, CBS can hardly grumble.

The success of the video in the US has tempted Woolworth's, which shut down its video sales two years ago because of piracy, back into the market. Vestron also believes it will conclude a sales deal with Boots, a newcomer to the business.

Until the Jackson film came along, there was a sluggish trade in compilations of promotional films. Britain's fascination with video tape recorders, and the arrival of stereo VCRs and television sets on the market, could make a successful music cassette, bought, not rented, more money-spinning than the average cinema release.

At the moment, pop promotion films are primarily directed at gaining exposure for a record on programmes like *Top of the Pops* and Channel 4's *The Tube* in Britain, and the cable TV music channels in the US. The rewards, for the lucky ones, are great. Duran Duran's promotional video for their single, "Hungry Like the Wolf," was judged to be one of the prime factors in establishing them as one of the biggest British names in the US.

What sets Jackson's video apart is the participation of John Landis, and it may be that the cassette is selling to film buffs as much as Jackson fans. Landis was selected for the job on the strength of *An American Werewolf in London*. With the special effects of make-up man Rick Baker in tow, Landis set out to turn 25-year-old Jackson into a werewolf. Those bulging face muscles and slit eyes on the screen turn out to be the product of pounds of latex, tiny inflatable bladders, and some uncomfortable contact lenses. The video offers the chance for some unabashed keyhole-peering for Landis fans.

The opportunity would never exist without the current Jackson superstar bandwagon, of course. The reclusive star could pick up $100m from a concert tour this year alone, if, as his advisers want, the Jackson name goes into retailing clothing and perfume lines. It all seems a long way from the last black child prodigy turned superstar, Stevie Wonder. But that was when the only message was the music.

David Hewson



moreover ... **Miles Kington**

Goodgrass heads for his tax heaven

The first Briton in space may well be a handsome officer from the Inland Revenue, Chief Tax Inspector Stephen Goodgrass. Along with equally good looking officers from the other services, Stephen has been chosen as one of the men who may play a vital role in the 1988 American Space Shuttle project.

"I think they were looking for three qualities basically," says Stephen Goodgrass modestly. "Modesty, of course. Then extremely striking good looks. And finally medium height, so that none of us looks taller than Michael Heseltine in photographs."

In the Inland Revenue, Stephen has worked with figures every day of his life, so the highly complex technology involved in the American space shot does not frighten him. He and Britain's other hopefuls will be taking regular trips to America to master the techniques and, with luck, get on the Johnny Carson show. He thinks that the Americans might even learn something from us.

"They're highly sophisticated, of course", he says, "but in some fields such as the taxation of a married woman's income and allowances on a company car registered as a family trust, we are way ahead of them. I have shown the Americans some of our tax forms and they just can't figure them out. Nor can our taxpayers, I tell them."

This wizardry with figures will come in useful in the 1988 space shot, which is partly designed to flash results of exit polls in that year's presidential elections round the world faster than ever. Does that mean that Stephen will be in space for the whole nine months of the election?

"Well, yes, it does really," says 35-year-old Stephen, running his fingers through his attractive crinkly brown hair. When he smiles, laugh lines form round his eyes like small print in a tax return. "This means we shall need at least three outstanding qualities: the patience of a hawk, the stamina of a camel and the quick wittedness of a head waiter in a crowded restaurant. And believe me, as a tax inspector I know some of the tricks a quick-witted head waiter can get up to."

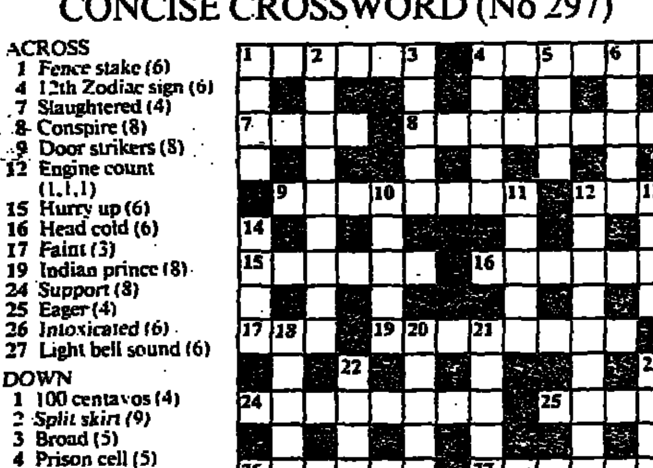
Stephen is extremely fit. He has taken part in all the London marathons so far and, through some complicated health insurance scheme which I failed to understand, has made a lot of money out of all of them. But he reckons that the money to be made out of the 1988 space shot will dwarf all that.

"Being in orbit for most of 1988 I would be able to establish tax-free foreign residency, but that's just the start of it. Everyone knows the money's being made out of off-shore companies; nobody has begun to explore the possibilities of off-planet investment. Up there in the sky I shall establish a tax haven – or perhaps a tax heaven – which is subject to no known international law. Perhaps we could have our own postage stamps as well."

Meanwhile, training starts in earnest for Stephen and the others this year at Britain's newly opened space charm school, where he will learn the three essential qualities needed to be an astronaut: a pleasant speaking voice, which sounds quite sexy even 50,000 miles away, an ability to deal with television chat hosts and the moral strength to resist the temptation to go into politics. John Glenn made a profit as a spaceman and ended up £½m in debt as a candidate. There is a lesson to be learnt here, thinks Stephen, whose sculptured profile has already brought him several film offers, plus an invitation to review the newspapers on Breakfast Television. He is unforthcoming about his politics, though under pressure he admits to liking David Owen's haircut.

"I have a job to do", he says modestly, "that's all there is to it. Whatever I do, I shall be doing for Britain, or for whatever nationality I choose to take for tax purposes."

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 297)



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8 Conspire (8)
9 Door strikers (8)
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17 Faint (3)
19 Indian prince (8)
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25 Eager (4)
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The ready-wrapped childminder

Bailey Morris on the big business of day care



John Chao

Standing in line: What kind of adults will these mass-programmed children make?

Washington

They are called "Kentucky-fried children" a made-in-USA phenomenon, these 62,000 pre-schoolers lodged in 800 standardized day-care centres in 40 American states and the lower parts of Canada. For fees ranging from $28 to $60 a week, they are picked up at home in smart mini-buses bearing the grinning visage of a mascot calles Kinderoo and carted off to a nursery-school version of Disneyland.

Once there, in a prefabricated twentieth-century version of the little schoolhouse on the prairie – complete with plastic red schoolbell tower and monogrammed pampers – they are fed, excercised and taught a variety of skills. Some even have access to home computers with toddler-level software.

This is the world of Kindercare, a for-profit system of mass-produced childcare which has swept the US since its introduction in 1969. In 1984 alone, the company will open more than 125 centres in new suburban areas inhabited largely by college-trained couples who work to afford a contemporary lifestyle of three-bedroom houses, two-car garages, two cars and increasingly, two children.

But despite the clear commercial success of the programme – Kindacare's net earnings jumped by 68 per cent last year to $11.2m (about £7.5m) and the strong need of working parents, the Orwellian concept of mass-programming a new generation of children has sparked a serious debate, even among the company's own staff.

The debate is over the kind of adults these centre-trained children will turn out to be in the twenty-first century. Will they be bored men and women who avoid books and misuse language because of inadequate exposure to quality material? Will they be passive – easily led, after years of being made to sit quietly in large groups for periods beyond the normal endurance of a curious two-year-old?

Will they be insecure after being scuttled from centre to home, being cared for by a constantly changing series of adults in the early years when a sense of self is developed and contact with working parents is limited? Will they become intellectual clones after years of exposure to the goal-of-the month programme in centres across the country which receive a standardized set of weekly brochures focusing on such themes such as George Washington, flags and animals?

One enthusiastic Kindercare assistant described its advantages: "Even if you've never taught before, you can with this system."

But specialists in early childhood development are not convinced that standardized pap dished out by a series of strangers is either adequate or healthy. Most experts agree that early childhood care should be highly personal, from a single individual, if possible; if not, in the hands of individuals who are warm, experienced and not too overwhelmed by the sheer number of the charges they are required to keep.

In the end, it is the quality of the keepers which counts. Mrs Arlene Gibson, principle of the respected Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore, said that if the quality of teaching is bad, then what is transmitted to the children is bad and all the standardization in the world will not overcome that basic fact. On these grounds, Kindercare is vulnerable. *Fortune* magazine recently conducted a series of interviews in centres selected at random and found wildly uneven quality.

At a centre in Brookfield, Connecticut, for example, a group of two and three-year-olds was discovered sitting at round tables in desultory fashion doing nothing in particular. The director was off running errands and only three of the 12 teachers had been there for an entire year. Most of them, as part-timers, had already gone for the day. Finally, the toddlers were marched out to a nearby playground under the care of three relatively uninterested teachers who had held their jobs for less than a month.

In the nursery, four infants were in the care of a genial woman who was willing but confused on her first day in the job. "Nobody tells me what I'm supposed to do", she said. "Should I get them ready for their mothers?"

One of the playground teachers meanwhile appeared with a five-year-old who had a stomach-ache and cramp. She asked to leave the child in the nursery where he was deposited in the care of the married newcomer who took no further notice of him. Down a hallway, two other five-year-olds were being disciplined by being made to sit alone with their backs to the wall for a half an hour or more.

At a centre in nearby Danbury, the picture is brighter but not perfect. The teaching staff is talented and interested but well aware of the imperfections of the programme. In one corner, a group of five-year-olds is flourishing under the care of a dynamic 23-year-old teacher and the playground staff is ever-watchful.

But in the nursery, a conscientious staff expressed strong reservations about the advisability of depositing infants in a centre-like environment, for more than eight hours every day of the week. "I think they should be at least a year old before they come. They all know that Mommy's not here", said one woman, who worried that the babies were not being held often enough.

Her concerns are not unfounded. Jerome Kagan, a child development expert at Harvard University, has stated that three infants per care-giver is reasonable and an adequate ration to ensure satisfactory social and cognitive development. For two to five-year-olds, he recommends one adult per five or six children.

But the management of Kindercare adheres strictly to state laws which vary widely, in some cases permitting as many as 12 two-year-olds and 15 three-year-olds per teacher. In Ohio, where Kindercare operates 40 centres, the ratio of infants to adults is one to eight; in Alabama and Florida, where it has 73 centres, the ratio is one to six and in Connecticut, it is one to four.

One reason the quality of care is so erratic is because of the notoriously low pay. Kindercare teachers average about $7,000 a year and directors of the centres earn anywhere from $10,000 to $12,000 a year. "You shouldn't employ a person who is depending on this for her sole income", said Mr F. E. Montgomery, vice president of operations for the company.

It is by keeping labour costs low that the company is able to be so profitable. This plus increasing volume from opening a string of new centres each year has added up to substantial profits, which has made the company's stock a favourite on Wall Street, where it trades in a range of $20 a share, up sharply from $2.25 a share in 1977 and 48 cents a share in 1972.

In the words of Perry Mendel, a former developer of shopping centres who founded Kindercare, the company is successful because it saw a need and filled it.

An estimated 47 per cent of women who have married and who have pre-school children now work, compared to only 20 per cent in 1960. For the growing number of divorced parents there may be no other choice but to turn to a Kindercare.

Inevitably, however, society may have to pay a big cost. "I think these children will be different but I cannot say how. More systematic work needs to be done", said Mr Kagan.

From the former director of Kindercare, these sentiments were expressed: "I don't think these kids are going to grow up to be Boston stranglers, but one wonders what they might have become had we provided for them a little differently".

COMMENT

Headstone for baby

In 1965, a couple then living in the North of England had a stillborn girl; a year later, in thr South, a son died aged seven days. Afterwards, the father seems to have blotted out much of his memory of the events surrounding the two tragedies.

In November 1983, they watched Esther Rantzen's programme about the emotional difficulties of mourning stillbirths and contacted the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society (SANDS) which suggested that they might find it helpful to visit their babies' graves. The society has found that parents who are "stuck" in their grief can in this way be helped to resume the mourning process.

The couple contacted the hospitals where their babies had been born. The hospital administrators in the North were able to trace their little girl's grave, and even offered to arrange for a headstone over the grave which the baby shared with several others. The mother, for the first time, named her baby. She described finding the grave and arranging to mark it as a "sad but joyous experience".

The southern hospital was not as helpful. Eventually a local funeral director was able to tell them where their baby had been buried. They found that 32 other babies shared his grave. The parents were told that they were not allowed to mark their son's grave in any way in case it distressed other parents. The mother was not even allowed to take flowers.

There are a variety of petty rules. In one area in Essex, parents may mark the baby's grave only with a Christian name. A few miles away the parish council will only allow the parents to put the baby's surname on the grave. In Humberside, babies were buried at the foot of another person's grave. Although this practice was discontinued in 1980, parents were not allowed to know where the babies had been buried until December, 1983.

Surely now that the taboos surrounding death are being lifted officials could be less obstructive, relax their attitudes engendered by habit, fear and ignorance and try to help parents come to terms with their loss?

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Afloat in the wading pool of the mind

FIRST PERSON

Hilary Rubinstein

My daughter, with whom I was staying in New York, recently gave me an unusual gift: a certificate from an outfit called Tranquillity Tanks which entitled me to spend an hour, naked and half-submerged in a covered darkened box filled with a heavy concentrate of Epsom salts. The saline solution would provide a simulation of weightlessness – like floating in the Dead Sea – and the hermetic sealing of the "coffin" offered almost total sensory deprivation. Not everybody's idea of a present perhaps, but the promotional leaflet promised an out-of-this-world experience: "The tank is a unique tool for the release of tension, enhancing creativity, problem – solving, and self-awareness... short-term sensory reduction can result in incredibly profound states of relaxation. Beyond these states of relaxation, inner-space explorers may find a multitude of realities available to them."

These flotation chambers – also known in other American cities as womb rooms, float to relax and aquaphoria – have become a growing fashion in the United States, with tank sales burgeoning to hospitals and health centres. Already, last summer, a body known as Rest (Restricted Environmental Stimulation Technique) held its first international conference in Denver, Colorado. "We're talking big bucks here", a health-fitness consultant named John Dietrich was reported as saying.

I arranged for a 10.30 am immersion. The receptionist suggested that I should shave the night before and avoid coffee after 8 am. Suitably impressed, I arrived decaffeinated and unshaven at an office block on lower Fifth Avenue, which, perhaps symbolically, was in process of renovation.

The tank, a blue fibre-glass ovoid, 7 feet long by 4 feet wide, with a flapped cover, dominated a small room adjoining the reception. While waiting to be given my instructions, my appetite was whetted by an article in the *Village Voice* which made flotation seem like a euphoric but safe trip on LSD: "I look at myself in the mirror – 10 years younger and a lot happier than when I went in – and burst out laughing. In Fifth Avenue, I am made aware of how acute all my senses have become. The colours are intense. I smell everything – as women pass I smell each of them from yards away... so attractive! I feast my eyes on them, what an endless parade of beauty!"

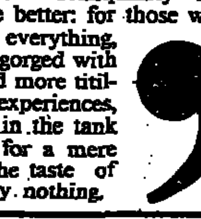
Before I was allowed to sample this nirvana, I had first to read through a checklist and confirm that I was not on drugs, had no known mental illness, was not suffering from any skin disease, and to sign a disclaimer that I was entering the tank of my own free will and would not hold Tranquillity responsible for any unforeseen consequences. I could, if I wished, practice meditation or auto-hypnosis. I was then instructed to enter the inner sanctum, shut the door, undress, take a shower, shampoo my hair, seal my ears with plugs and vaseline, and step into the chamber; I should close the lid on myself when I was ready for my hour to begin.

Alas, for me, Tranquillity might have been spelt tanknullity. Perhaps I did not approach the experience with sufficient seriousness, though I certainly tried to keep an open mind. But as a moderate insomniac, I am accustomed to spending part of most nights in a state of unwilling wakefulness. The air inside soon became stale, the temperature was a little too warm for comfort.

Many tankers, I was told, lost all sense of time, and were amazed to discover how quickly their hour had passed. I was denied this surprise, and had throughout a strong sense of passing time. I felt that I owed it to my daughter not to chicken out prematurely, but I became increasingly impatient as the minutes passed. Sadly, it had not been transformed while I had been out for the count; the women in Fifth Avenue looked no more beautiful and smelt no better than they had earlier in the day.

Suppose flotation really caught on? The enthusiast from *Village Voice* was fully alive to the dangers: "People are finding that they can leave behind not just neighbours and families and living-rooms, but their own bodies. They don't watch the box, they climb inside it, and the movies they make in the dark are all their own.... And soon perhaps each family member will have his own or her own tank, and in the evenings the towns and cities will be strangely dark and quiet, and in the darkened houses and apartments, the only sound will be the muffled gentle splashing, the slow peaceful breathing of the profoundly relaxed, the tranquil masses."

Many years ago, Selfridges put out an advertisement in December with suggestions for Christmas gifts, ending up on a rather desperate note: "For those who have everything-... books." Tranquillity has gone one better: for those who have everything, who are gorged with more and more titillating experiences, an hour in the tank offers – for a mere $20 – the taste of absolutely nothing.



Roast duck to remember

THE TIMES COOK

Shona Crawford Poole

In the theatre of the kitchen a ballotine of duck is especially good value. There is nothing like a high wall oven with a good light inside and a glass door for drawing visitors into the cook's domain.

Everyone knows that a duck will feed two well, and four if they are not too hungry. But the table is set for six, perhaps eight, and there is only one duck in the oven. By now they have guessed, and asked, and there are smiles of relief all round. It has been boned, and stuffed. It is a ballotine and more than enough for six.

Ballotine of duck
Serves six to eight

1 duck weighing about 2.5 kg (5½ lbs)

For the stuffing:

3 skinless chicken breasts
8 tablespoons port
1 Seville orange, or a lemon
55 g (2 oz) butter
2 shallots, finely chopped
1 duck liver
680 g (1½ lbs) pork, lean and fat
110 g (4 oz) fresh white breadcrumbs
1 egg
6 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
4 small sage leaves, finely chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the gravy:

150 ml (¼ pint) good duck or chicken stock
Port, orange or lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste

Removing the bones from a raw bird without slitting its skin is not especially difficult. It requires only patience and a small, sharp, pointed knife.

First cut off the wing tips and the next section of wing bone, leaving only the wing bone nearest to the body.

Cut out the wishbone, using the knife to separate the arch of bone from the meat, and pulling steadily to release the ends. Sever the ball-joints at the junction of the wings and carcass and scrape and cut the flesh away from the collar bones. Remove these, breaking them at the cartilaginous junction with the breast bone.

Scrape and cut the flesh from the bones of the main cavity, working them apart down to the ball joint with the legs. Take special care where skin and bone meet without fleshy padding along the spine and at the apex of the breast bone. Detatch a little cartilage with the skin rather than risk puncturing it.

Break the joints of the legs with the torso and work free the bones down to the tail. Cut the skeleton free, leaving a few tail vertebrae in place.

The bones that would be duck's shins, if it had them, should be left in place. The thighs can be boned or left as they are.

Set the boned duck aside while preparing the stuffings.

Cut the chicken breasts into long slivers about 1cm/⅓ inch wide. Put them in a dish with the port and juice of the orange or lemon. Leave the slivers to marinate.

Melt half the butter in a small pan and add the chopped shallots. Cook them on a medium heat until they are tender without allowing them to brown.

Transfer the onions to a large bowl and add the remaining butter to the pan. When it is really hot, add the duck liver and cook it lightly to stiffen it so that it may be chopped. Chop it roughly and add it to the bowl.

Chop half the pork very coarsely (1 cm/⅓ inch cubes are a good target), and mince the remainder once, not too finely. Processor users should be especially careful not to process the meat too finely or it will cook to a too-firm lump.

Put the chopped and minced pork into the bowl and add the breadcrumbs, grated orange or lemon zest, parsley, sage, egg, and a generous seasoning of salt and freshly ground black pepper. Mix the stuffing thoroughly and fry a teaspoonful of the mixture to check the seasoning.

Lay the duck breast down on a board and spoon half the stuffing into it. Form it into a thick, duck-shaped layer on the bird. Drain the slivers of chicken breast and lay them lengthwise over the first layer of stuffing, so that each slice will be studded with nuggets of lean meat. Use the remaining stuffing to make another layer over the chicken pieces. Sew up the tail and neck vents with a trussing needle and thread or string, and pin the wings and legs close to the body with skewers or trussing. Pat the duck into as birdlike a shape as possible.

Roast it on a rack in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about two hours, basting it once or twice with the port and juice marinade.

I do not prick the duck before roasting it. The fat is needed to make the stuffing moist and succulent, and most of it runs out anyway during cooking.

Rest the duck for 10 minutes before carving it. Make a thin gravy with the skimmed pan juices if they are not too darkly caramelized, adding the stock and port, juice and seasonings to taste.

To serve the duck, begin carving it from the neck end. Cut off the wings neatly and cut across the body in thick, confident slices.

TALKBACK

Let pupils decide

From Peter Rawling, senior tutor, The Windsor Boys' School, Windsor, Berks.

In reply to Helen Mason "Should teachers be masters of morality? (Monday Page, March 12) it needs to be pointed out that it is an implied part of a school's responsibility to help with the development of moral values. The suggestion that we try to indoctrinate moral values, however, needs rebutting.

While in schools we have every right to have rules for our own environment, which include no-smoking rules, the tackling of moral issues in schools is to enable pupils to understand what is involved so that they can make up their own minds at the due time.

The point, therefore, is not whether the English teacher is living with her boyfriend, but whether the implications of such a relationship are understood so that people can decide their own view for themselves.

With the number of stable and educationally-motivated homes in decline, schools get more requests to try to take charge because parental control has been lost. Teachers today care greatly and readily accept a role beyond that of mere instructors – what we do ask for (and what should be the real talking point) is for the facilities (including time, recognition and support) to do the task properly – for the sake of pupils, who are often otherwise neglected.

THE TIMES DIARY

Hart heads for London

Gary Hart is coming to London next month. The US Embassy is prevaricating but Hart is believed to have arranged meetings with both Margaret Thatcher and Neil Kinnock. His visit, thought to be over the weekend of April 14 and 15, was confirmed to me yesterday by Chris Patten, Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, an old friend and tennis partner of Hart, the Democratic presidential front-runner.

The "wettest" of the Tory wets discussed the trip with Hart's wife, Lee, and his principal aide when Patten was in the United States on business last week. "Gary asked me to campaign in Illinois, but I had to explain that as a Cabinet minister I cannot, alas, wear a campaign button."

Patten was unable to confirm Hart's meetings with Kinnock and Thatcher. He did, however, name Hart's other Westminster friends who, I suspect, are secretly rooting for the Democrat: David Steel, the Liberal leader, Kenneth Clarke, the Health Minister, and Denzil Davies, shadow spokesman for Defence and Disarmament. At the invitation of Hart they all joined Patten in the US for a conference last year to discuss the "problems of the future".

London vote

Meanwhile the most surprising figure to emerge from the closet in support of Hart is Kingman Brewster, the former American ambassador in London under the Carter-Mondale administration.

"I was very appreciative of President Carter's decision to appoint me as ambassador, but I am neither a Carter nor a Mondale man," said Brewster, now a City lawyer who is "starring" at a cocktail shindig in Swiss Cottage on April 5 to boost Hart's campaign coffers, into which, he tells me, he has already slipped $4,000.

BARRY FANTONI



Familiar?

First St John's College, Cambridge, admits girls. Now I hear students are to be allowed to share. Undergraduate Robin Tam tells me one couple ("not romantically connected") have already apportioned domestic chores before they move in together this coming academic year. Fearing a second Dartington, I rang the college Master, Professor Francis Hinsley. "No one will be living in sin next year", he barked, demanding the story be dropped forthwith. Talks were still going on and "the less excitability there is during discussions the better", said the excited professor. He got even more excited when I asked his Christian name – "My initials are FH – there is too much familiarity about these days." Well he should know.

Passed

The ignominy of being defeated by Nicholas Parsons at the Cambridge Union's presidential debate the other night on the motion "This house believes debating is a waste of time", must have been too much for former taxi driver turned Mastermind, Fred Housego.

The poor fellow, who boasts one O-level, fell into the company of the St John's College Rugby Club and, in his wisdom, declared that if the lads raised £100, he would swim naked across the River Cam. A whip-round ensued, and £60 later, Housego gladly stripped off, plunged into the icy waters and, flanked by two naked rugby players, swam across the Cam. The frolic was brought to a traditional halt by the local constabulary, who fished one of the players from the river. Housego scrambled to the bank and eluded arrest. Yesterday the suitably contrite fellow, who donated his winnings to the college "rag" funds, swore he would never attempt such a jape again. Still, it impressed the rugby club – they've made him an honorary member.

Bedford bait

Bedford College in Regent's Park, the first women's university college in Britain, is about to be sold for a reputed £8m to a private North American university. The buyers, who are expected to complete the deal in a few weeks, have beaten off competition from the Saudi Arabian government who wanted to convert it into an Islamic museum, and from the transcendental leader, the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. The college, whose students will now attend Royal Holloway College in Egham, Surrey, is to be used by the North Americans as a centre for its European study tour, in an effort to bait more students. Yesterday's disclosure will come as a particular blow to Sir Arthur Drew, chairman of the Museums and Galleries Commission and deputy chairman of the Islamic project, who had planned a "sort of Hayward Gallery of Islamic culture".

PHS

Graham Serjeant on Mrs Thatcher's man at the Institute of Directors

A radical to rally the troops

It is a tribute to Mr Walter Goldsmith's five-year term as director-general of the Institute of Directors that the announcement of his successor, Sir John Hoskyns, will be seen as a much more significant event than the arrival of Mr Goldsmith, the then-unknown Black & Decker manager, just a few weeks after Mrs Thatcher's 1979 election victory.

When Sir John, aged 56, former head of Mrs Thatcher's Downing Street policy unit, moves into the grand Pall Mall headquarters of the Institute in July, he will usher in the new-style Institute's second stage as surely as the 1983 election ushered in Mrs Thatcher's second term.

Sir John sees Mrs Thatcher's task as having two parts: the first was devoted to destroying inflation and the attitudes that went with it. Her Government succeeded where Mr Heath's failed because it "saw that putting the fire out and making the easier short-term moves to cut controls and reform trade unions was a task for a full parliament". The radical restructuring of the economy, which Mr Heath attempted straightaway, he sees as the task for the second term, keeping the Institute fully behind the "radicals" against the "consolidators" in the Government. His aim is to produce an economic structure that can achieve rapid growth without government injections.

The Directors' progress, though lacking the Government's internal doubts and conflicts, has some parallels. If the Government's first task was to tackle inflation and establish credibility in its determination to do so, then Mr Goldsmith's was to establish credibility tout court, after an internal power struggle had charted a new course for what had previously been a cross between a club and a professional trade association.

He did so by adopting the highest possible profile, hot-gospelling a genuinely felt private enterprise free market philosophy to anyone who would listen on any available occasion.

In doing so, he articulated to the like-minded Prime Minister that a large body of businessmen, particularly the venturers and individual proprietors who formed much of the Institute's membership, were fully behind her and prepared to take the knocks.

This was in stark contrast to the Confederation of British Industry, whose ideological zeal had been lost as it widened its industrial base to become management's corporatist counterweight to the TUC. The CBI lost faith in 1981 and looked down on Mr Goldsmith's men as "laundromat owners".

This earned the Institute an influential voice at court, helping to stiffen the Treasury in 1981-82 and, as Mr Goldsmith built up a small but sharp research and policy study team, put it firmly on the list of pressure groups to be consulted on legislation.

The like-minded Hoskyns, installed as the businessman at Number 10 between 1979 and 1982, became a main conduit between the Institute and the Prime Minister. He was also, with Mr Goldsmith, a vital member of the shadowy "Argonauts" club, initially formed by Sir Alfred Sherman of the Centre of Policy Studies at the time of the steel strike, to let the Prime Minister know how little effect it was having on smaller businessmen at a time when many of the CBI's members were suffering only too visibly.

Hoskyns left Whitehall more than ever convinced of the need for radical change and made both friends and enemies by breaking the rules of the establishment club, publicly expressing his disillusion with the quality of the Whitehall machine and some of its incumbents, most notably in a speech that brought the house down at the Institute's 1983 convention.

At the same time, and particularly since the last election, the Institute and Mrs Thatcher's more right-wing supporters have become critics of what they see as backsliding and have probably lost some influence.

Sir John sees Mr Nigel Lawson's first Budget as both an encouragement and a warning. It presages the huge programme of tax reform which the Directors have long championed and which he pressed in government as a priority for its second term.

But "in the long term it worries me that the Chancellor only said that he would hold public spending. Can the economy grow at the right rate regardless of the percentage of output taken by public spending, which is much higher than in our main competitors, the United States and the Far East? If it does not matter, why did we bother?"

He is also disappointed that the Budget assumed inflation continuing at about 4 per cent. The idea that this is acceptable betrays "intellectual confusion. Price stability is the only target worth going for." Only if prices are stable, he believes, can trade unionists accept that living standards will not decline in the absence of an annual wage rise and only then can inflationary pressures be beaten.

If the nation's company directors are to help win the battle for the radicals, they too must adopt a different approach from Mr Goldsmith's combination of public propaganda and private reassurance.

"We have to change people's perception of what needs doing. There has to be a broad debate about the future of the economy so that people can believe we are changing things everywhere for the long-term good."

One of the main reasons Hoskyns will take on the Institute's directorgeneralship is "to take part in that debate". He will certainly bring to it a different style from the incumbent. His enterprise credentials are impeccable. Hoskyns left IBM in 1964 to start his own computer consultancy and software group – he was a member of the Institute but did not join the CBI – which was finally sold, earning him £400,000 in 1975.

But his intellectual approach owes more to a Winchester education and, more particularly, 12 years in the Rifle Brigade that have given him the figure and manner of the officer and gentleman.

Sir John says he deliberately sold his stake on the Hoskyns Group to study United Kingdom political and economical problems before becoming an adviser to Mrs Thatcher in opposition. He has the Young Turk military approach of isolating problems, logically studying in depth what should be done and then putting it into practice.

This contrasts with the bubbling Goldsmith, a born-again proselytizer, as keen to train directors or emancipate immigrants through their own businesses as to lambast public borrowing or the closed shop, and advise Mr Eddie Shah.

Hoskyns is even on record as thinking that it can be counterproductive to hog the headlines, though he has not hidden his forthright light under a bushel.

"You should do whatever fits the strategy. You do not go for a high profile for its own sake, but ask whether the strategy calls for overt or covert persuasion."

The Institute's members, though termed "business leaders", are in practice led from the top in a way that would not go down well at the CBI. Even so, Sir John's radical thinking about institutions probably goes beyond the free enterprise consensus of the membership.

He accepts that his own passion for reform of the Whitehall machine, though welcome at the bureaucrat-bashing level that he would find distasteful, is unlikely to figure among the Institute's top priorities. Still less does he expect to pursue his desire for electoral reform, which he saw as a method of creating consensus to allow gradual and therefore less painful long-term reform. In the absence of a consensus for phased change, he accepts that radicalism must to some extent sacrifice the present generation for the sake of the future. Such honesty will not endear him to the dole queues.

The Institute's main themes, however, have found an echo in Sir John's writing since he left Downing Street: the reform and reduction of taxation to remove distortions and improve incentives; long-term cuts in public spending; the drive to zero inflation; the promotion of new enterprise and the withdrawal of the state from the economy (though, perhaps surprisingly, he sees privatization as marginal).

Under Hoskyns, the Institute will continue to deride the corporatist approach exemplified by the National Economic Development Council. More importantly, it will certainly pursue the new priority given to trade union reform in the Goldsmith years, calling, perhaps, for an end to trade union immunities, severe curtailment of employment protection law and GCHQ-style buyouts of the right to strike in public services.

To this list, Sir John will probably add greater emphasis and a tougher stance on the welfare state, though he is properly not anticipating events.

In his own mind, such issues coalesce into grand interconnected strategies to revolutionize the supply side of the economy. The great debate will be about coordinating problem-solving in ways Whitehall is not organized to do.

"We need to make the labour market work. But there is no minister for the Labour market who can look at taxation, social security benefits, rent controls, regional aid, wages councils and trade union legislation together." Business people are better at looking at things in the round rather than snipping bits off at the edges."

The Institute under Walter Goldsmith has already made a widely-respected contribution of this kind in its policies towards the EEC, which embraced detailed calls for greater market integration on one side with rejection of European corporatism on the other.

His successor will probably concentrate more on this sort of presentation than on instant response to each event.

"This allows you to say things are complex. I do not believe that public oversimplification of very complex issues is helpful". Whether this will rally his troops with the enthusiasm they showed for his Whitehall speech remains to be seen. No one can doubt the ambition of Sir John Hoskyns' vision.

"What we need is a UK economic miracle to turn this into a very different kind of country."


John Voos

Sir John Hoskyns: a Young Turk's military approach

Jock Bruce-Gardyne

As ye sow not, yet shall ye reap

Several years ago the MP for the next-door constituency and I were summoned to the Ministry of Defence. The RAF, we were told by a junior minister, was about to hold low-flying exercises across our two constituencies. "We recognize," he told us, "that this is likely to cause a lot of livestock to stampede just when they are most at risk, and therefore that you are going to have an awful lot of complaints from your farming constituents. Unfortunately the whole purpose of the exercise means that it has got to be carried out when the trees are all in leaf. But I have instructed our local officials to settle all claims for compensation speedily and considerately." "Can we," asked my neighbour – himself a farmer by profession – "make that assurance public?" "By all means," replied the minister. As we left the MoD I said to my colleague "this is going to cost a packet."

And so it proved. Local farmers rose magnificently to the challenge. Claims for compensation flooded in. A particular favourite was "loss of liveweight gain" – as elegantly unprovable as it was irrefutable. Many farms enjoyed their best cash crop for years.

I recalled that joyous incident again three years ago when I studied the small print of the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act. This struck me at the time as a classic instance of legislation for legislation's sake: the sort of well-intentioned law-making dreamed up by officials and calculated to set farmer against rambler and give little lasting satisfaction to anyone apart from the lawyers, who could expect to turn an honest quid or two. But the arrangements for "management agreements" – by which farmers and landowners who happened to be blest with sites of special interest to the conservancy lobby would be offered open-ended compensation for not putting them under the plough – like Hilaire Belloc's Matilda, "made one gasp and stretch one's eyes".

Now the chickens, or perhaps one should say the lesser spotted flycatchers, are flocking home to roost. Mr Tony Long of the Council for the Protection of Rural England has evidence of farmers and landowners "taking professional advice and massing up to take advantage of these compensation payments". Well in God's name what else could the Government have expected?

It is not as if they were not warned. In their lordship's House, where they know a thing or two about land use and conservation, Lord Onslow pointed out when the Act was going through that Lord Peel, who happens to own a fair slice of the Yorkshire Dales national park, had only to come up with a scheme to lime, slag and reseed his acres – a scheme which would certainly be turned down under the Act – and he could pick up anything from £75,000 to £300,000 a year in compensation for not doing something which would lay waste his grouse moors, and which he would therefore presumably never have dreamed of doing if left to his own devices.

Indeed Lord Onslow pointed out that government had already learned the folly of this sort of nonsense once before. Brooks's Club, it seems, collected £90,000 under the terms of the Attlee Government's town planning legislation for not pulling down it premises, and put it into wine. So the Churchill Government put a stop to that and White's Club, more dozy than its neighbour, missed the boat.

Lord Peel seems to have been remarkably abstemious – so far. But Lord Thurso has collected £280,000 for not planting trees at the top end of a Highland glen, and Lord Cranborne £20,400 a year for 65 years for not demolishing a splendid Dorset pheasant cover. And now a quartet of Norfolk farmers are out to break the bank with a claim for £100,000 a year for 20 years for not running their tractors over a local bog. The Norfolk Broads Authority can't meet it, and have threatened to let the farmers do their worst. So the hapless Mr William Waldegrave at the Department of the Environment, into whose lap this can of worms has fallen, has promised to have a word with the Min of Ag to see if "other ways" can be found to "support" traditional farming methods and leave the bogs alone. Which presumably means trying to persuade Mr Michael Jopling to come to the rescue of Environment and hump it on his departmental budget. If Mr Jopling has any sense he will tell Environment that they made the bed and had better lie in it.

How the Treasury allowed this particular piece of lunacy to find its way on to the Statute Book passes understanding. Having done so the best that they can do is now to draw the pursestrings tight. For otherwise there soon will not be a haunt of natterjack toad or peg-legged bumble-bee safe from the threat of having to make its contribution to the Common Market's bulging granaries.

The holes in the Hart image

Chicago

A new term has been introduced into the American political lexicon since the presidential campaign got under way. It is "Yuppie", which stands for Young, urban professional people.

Sometimes "Yuppies" are referred to as "Yumpies", meaning Young, upwardly-mobile people. But the two are the same creature, and its discovery represents one of the most significant recent developments in American politics.

"Yuppies" belong to the baby-boom generation born between 1945 and 1960, brought up in the era of Vietnam and Watergate. They have been slow to develop a political identity.

Now, however, they find that Senator Gary Hart represents many of the qualities they see in themselves – independence from old ideas and political structures, and a non-ideological approach to problems.

Their support for Senator Hart has enabled him to move from the position of dark horse to front runner in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination in just three weeks. If he now goes on to win the nomination it will be largely because this new group of voters (some Democrats, others Republicans, many more independents) has decided that the country needs a new kind of leadership.

"Yuppies" like Hart's portrayal of his as "a new generation of leadership with new ideas". The fact that he was elected to Congress after the Vietnam war was over and was not part of the Carter administration has also appealed to them.

Polls taken in the New Hampshire, Florida and Massachusetts primaries among people leaving the voting booths show that the 47-year-old Colorado senator had run consistently well with young, well-educated, better-off voters.

In Florida, for example, Hart won the support of 48 per cent of voters aged 25 to 29 years old, 45 per cent of college graduates and 51 of those earning more than $50,000 a year.

On the other hand Mr Walter Mondale, his chief rival for the democratic nomination who represents the old-style party leadership, has got most of his support from the old and the poor.

The emergence of the "Yuppie" generation lies at the root of the bitter feud now taking place between Mr Mondale and Senator Hart as the two confront each other for a series of big state primaries which began yesterday in Illinois.

Mr Mondale has tried to portray his younger rival as being too inexperienced and too "flaky" for the nomination. "How can you rely on someone who lies about his age?", remarked a Mondale aide, referring to Hart's unexplained decision to subtract a year from his age in his official biography.

Hart has shown himself to be vulnerable to such attacks. Twice during the past week he has run into difficulties over his own campaign commercials attacking Mr Mondale. His tendency to pose as a Kennedy of the 1980s has brought him some ridicule.

Hart has focused his attacks on Mondale's ties with trade unions and party bosses, his role in the Carter administration and his inability to stir the American people. "Mondale's problem is that he is more popular with Democratic bosses than he is with Democratic voters", Hart said recently. The Hart-Mondale battle is symbolic of a more fundamental struggle now taking place for the soul of the Democratic Party between its old and young guards, between those who still cling to the liberal values which have been the bedrock of the party since FDR's days, and a new breed of younger Democrats for whom the "New Deal" is ancient history. Senator Hart represents that new generation; the "Yuppies" are his high-tech legionnaires.

The divide is not just generational, it is also regional (the "old" frost-belt states of the North against the "new" sunbelt states of the South and West) and philosophical.

The new generation believes in free-market capitalism, and does not share its elders' faith in the dominant role of government in regulating the economy. Traditional Democrats call for a more equitable carving up of the economic pie; new ones talk about the need to make the pie larger. They are sceptical about dollars and regulations being used to solve America's domestic problems.

Old-style Democrats accuse the new generation of lacking compassion and of abandoning the party's social functions – a charge Mondale frequently makes of Hart.

There is some truth to the charge, although it is not entirely fair. "Yuppies", and those who represent them, tend to be self-orientated, preoccupied with their own upward movement. While not totally uncaring, they believe that their own success, when translated into national terms, will ultimately benefit the whole of society – the poor, the sick, the bereft; a "trickle-down" social justice.

Fairness, wrote a columnist in The Washington Post the other day, is not the issue in 1984; it's selfishness. This may be bluntly stated, but the continuing electoral strength of President Reagan, despite his savage cutbacks in social programmes, suggests that it contains a basic truth.

Nicholas Ashford



Peter Kellner

Elections: Money can't buy sense

One of the oddest moments of last year's general election was when Tony Benn came to the aid of the Prime Minister. A man calling himself "Mr" Margaret Thatcher wanted to stand in Finchley. He was having difficulty getting his nomination accepted and wrote to Mr Benn for support. Mr Benn replied with a stern missive about how men and women had fought and died for the right to vote: "do not mock it by farce."

Then there was the equally unedifying spectacle of "Roy Harold Jenkins" opposing the SDP leader in the Glasgow, Hillhead by-election two years ago. On election day SDP activists marched outside polling stations wearing sandwich boards that said "The real Roy Jenkins is number 5".

The level of the deposit needed to stand in a parliamentary election has remained at £150 since 1918, despite a twelve-fold increase in prices generally. As the real cost of contesting elections has fallen, so the number of fringe candidates has risen.

Chesterfield set a new record last month, with 17 candidates; but even general elections attract oddballs. Last June candidates stood for Freddie's Alternative Medicine Party, Fancy Dress Party, Justice for Divorced Fathers, Loony Monster Party, Loony Society, Party of Associates with Licencees, Stockport Back in Lancashire Party, Tactically Vote Bennite to Annihilate Bennites, and Livingstonites.

What to do about them? Within the next two or three weeks MPs will debate the Government's proposals for amending the Representation of the People Acts. David Mellor, a Home Office minister, will propose increasing the deposit to £1,000, while lowering the number of votes needed for candidates to recover their deposit from 12½ to 5 per cent.

There is no doubt Mr Mellor can obtain a majority in the Commons for his proposal. However, he very properly wants all-party support. The other day, at a private conference at Nuffield College, Oxford, of politicians, administrators, academics and journalists, a surprising degree of unity was displayed by Labour, Liberal and SDP politicians. They argued that the deposit should be abolished; a candidate should secure a substantial number of signatures from local electors instead.

Nobody seems to dispute the principle that money is the wrong sort of barrier to taking part in the democratic process. It is unfair to serious candidates of limited means, and unlikely to deter wealthy self-publicists. ("Lord" Sutch may well approve of the proposed £1,000 limit: better to pay more to be one of four by-election candidates than to pay less and be one of 17.) The reason the Government has plumped for money rather than signatures is purely practical: signatures, it says, will not work.

Maybe so; but the evidence it has offered so far is weak, even by the Home Office's normally desultory standards. When the Government published its White Paper in January it offered three arguments against signatures. None of them washes.

Signatures, the White Paper says "would greatly increase the work of the acting returning officer". That "greatly" is a bit rich. According to one seasoned participant in the Nuffield seminar, it takes one minute on average to check each signature. A requirement to have 100 signatures would add less than one staff day to the administration of an election, assuming there were four candidates. Even 500 signatures would add only £200 to administrative costs per constituency.

Next we are told that signatures "would increase the risk of a nomination being held invalid on purely technical grounds" – for example, if one or two signatories write down the wrong electoral roll number. As the Liberals have pointed out, this is easy to get round: make sure there is space on each nomination paper for 10 to 20 extra signatures, so there will still be enough valid signatures, even if a few have to be disqualified.

Finally, the Government argues that "a candidate's ability to produce signatures is no test of the number of votes he or she will receive". This is the worst argument of all. The point of setting any hurdles is not – or should not be – to block serious minority candidates, but to block frivolous ones.

Serious candidates come in various guises: some benign, like the Ecology Party, and some repulsive, like the National Front. Mr Mellor had the distasteful experience of fighting against an NF man in Putney last June. He does not wish to repeat it, and few can blame him.

But all candidates who can demonstrate their seriousness by obtaining (say) 500 signatures, complete with correct electoral roll numbers (a far harder task than simply standing in a high street waving a petition in front of people), should have the right to stand for Parliament, however nasty their politics. Indeed, the nastier their views, the more important it is for them to be condemned by their unpopularity than by their poverty.

I should be very surprised if "Lord" Sutch or successors to the phoney Roy Jenkins could obtain 500 signatures. They may well be able to raise £1,000. Unless the Government changes its mind, we shall have a system that permits frivolous candidates with money, but bars serious candidates without. As a constitutional reform, it would be neither dignified nor efficient.

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TRADE UNIONS ON TRIAL

With his accustomed lack of ambiguity, Lord Denning yesterday summed up the changed position of trade unions in our time. In the nineteenth century they were persecuted and oppressed; in the twentieth they have "exploited their immunities beyond measure". In consequence of this abuse, they have had their immunities redefined and constrained by statute, one consequence of which was to make peaceful picketing illegal at premises other than the picket's own place of work. Lord Denning then posed the questions whether the unions will obey the law, resist it by force or a general strike, or by campaigning to have it changed by Parliament.

In fact, the new law against secondary picketing is being broken by some of the miners now, quite apart from the clear threat of criminal violence that is only restrained by a massive police presence at the beleaguered coalfields. Worse still, there is too much evidence that confidence in the law and instinctive respect for it is surface deep more generally.

The widespread tendency of lookers-on to sigh with relief at the National Coal Board's decision not to proceed with their contempt of court proceedings against the Yorkshire NUM for organizing illegal picketing is itself symptomatic of a hesitation to put the law to the test. Of course, the NCB's decision is understandable in tactical terms; it does not want to assist the miners to solidarity behind the militants who are resented by so many of them. Yet the general relief also reflects a fear that the law might prove unenforceable under test, though the essence of the law is that it should be enforceable.

No less significant is the easy switch of criticism away from those miners who are clearly breaking the law by secondary picketing, and on to the police for massing in large enough numbers to prevent violence in the areas under siege, and for intervening to warn miners from Kent, on the way to the north, to turn back. It is not simply a matter of Mr Arthur Scargill's irresponsible rhetoric, as when he chose to liken the massive police presence in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire as both unwarranted and "almost tantamount to a para-military state". That kind of talk simply discredits the talker, and as each day passes Mr Scargill, by his incoherent petulence, and his accusations of police rather than picket violence, proves himself to be the miners' worst enemy.

But more worrying than Mr Scargill's palpable excesses is the silence of too many trade union leaders who ought to be forthright in asserting that the civil law as it applies to secondary picketing, and the common law as it applies to any kind of intimidation by force, ought to be upheld. In speaking yesterday on his theme "Trade Unions on Trial", Lord Denning spoke of the recent NGA threat to call a one-day strike against the national newspapers in the case of the *Stockport Messenger*, and of Mr Len Murray's statement that the TUC could only support action that was lawful.

"The whole country was grateful to Mr Murray and the moderate members of the TUC general council," said Lord Denning, for it seemed to herald a new attitude towards the law. But the unlawful secondary action over the Cheltenham dispute, and what is happening at some of the mines has proved a disappointment, and the trade unions now seem to be saying that they reserve the right to choose whether to obey the orders of the courts of law from which they are no longer immune.

Lord Denning argued that now the union immunities have been taken away, they should be put on probation and be free to do the useful things they can do for their members, provided they obey the law of the land. "If they should flout the law", he concluded, "they will find that their end will be at hand." This ominous conclusion, apparently, he derives from his belief that no union could survive for long with its assets seized, sequestrated and depleted. Yet behind these penalties there is, of course, an even stronger sanction on which all enforceable law ultimately rests: public opinion.

It becomes steadily clearer how inadequately, when not perversely, trade union leaderships reflect their members; and what is happening at the mines where those who wish to work are under siege from their fellows is only one demonstration of that. There is a stark disparity of attitudes between rank-and-file trade unionists and their leaders, wielding the weapon of the closed shop. In the end it will have to be public opinion, and the union rank and file, which will pronounce the verdict on those who lead them so badly.

HELPING THE OLD AND COLD

The passing months of winter are often the cruellest. Mortality rates for the old – and the very young – are well above other seasons; in the quarter ending in March, death rates among old men can be up to 85 per cent above those of summer. Deaths specifically attributable to hypothermia are, mercifully, few; but cold and the under-consumption of fuel by those on the margins of poverty undoubtedly affect health and resistance to disease.

For the sake of the poorest, any measure – willed or inadvertent – that squeezes the fuel budgets of those on the lowest incomes should be closely monitored. Inescapably, energy pricing policies – whatever their wider fiscal or commercial basis – have consequences for the well-being of society. Cabinets which make significant changes in the cost of domestic fuel have some obligation to ensure the clumbering machine of social security catches up.

The Treasury's larger than usual manipulation of the electricity price regime for 1984-85 has some characteristics of a fiscal impost. When in the House of Commons today fuel and poverty are debated there will doubtless be those among the Government's detractors who will try to dress Mr Lawson in vulpine garb or accuse him of grinding the faces of the poor. This is nonsense – provided Mr Lawson does accept that the social security indices for 1984-85 about to be agreed should reflect changes in the fuel price regime and that some provision is made, in the reserves, for emergency payments like those which had to be paid during the severe winter of 1981-82. Public policy fails if those depending on the state for their income (and often their housing, too) become unable to buy adequate fuel from the state monopoly suppliers. The poor should not of course be exempt from price signals reflecting the secular shift in the cost of fuels; but nor should they be specially penalized.

Lower income households spend a higher proportion of income on heating and light. Poor families, meaning often the old and the sick, need extra heating; their housing, in both public and private sectors, tends to be more expensive to heat; and so on. Since the 1970s the main plank of social policy has been a set of additional payments for heating, often made directly by the Department of Health and Social Security to the gas and electricity authority with the necessary but unfortunate result of diminishing budgetary autonomy. It has been a sad fact of life that nothing more effectively aids fuel economy and responsible budgeting by the poor than the restoration of old-fashioned slot meters. Gas and electricity authorities have been all too slow to recognize their role – not as welfare agencies – but as public utilities with a social responsibility. In disconnexion they wield a fearful weapon to secure repayment of debt.

Today's debate will achieve some purpose if gas and electricity authorities are reminded that they have an obligation towards better liaison with the DHSS and local social services departments. The case for making into law the existing voluntary code of practice governing fuel debts and disconnexions will doubtless be made once again, but Department of Energy ministers will rightly reply that this is essentially an area where cases differ and the utmost flexibility must be allowed. Those same ministers should be allowed no complacency, however. The price mechanism is a blunt instrument for securing energy conservation and, for poor fuel users, often inequitable in its incidence. There is scope for an expansion of the effort to make fuel use more efficient; it is not enough simply to offer elderly households money to lag boilers. Often they might be more fuel efficient and their fuel budgets less strained if they had a new heating system altogether. The Department of Energy's recently launched conservation campaign is directed at the energy haves. Its extension, albeit at some short run cost, to the poor might both save money eventually and maintain adequate standards of winter warmth.

NEW LAWS FOR LOMBARD STREET

Decisions are about to be made by the Government which will affect the fate of every person's savings in this country for a generation to come. The changes are designed to inspire freedom, innovation and a fairer deal for all, with the creation of a share-owning democracy as a political bonus for the Conservatives to stand alongside the existing phalanx of home owners. But it is becoming plain that this desirable goal is not going to be achieved without a considerable amount of pain along the way.

The present and pending changes stem from the agreement last summer between Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, and Mr Cecil Parkinson, then Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, whereby the Government exempted the Stock Exchange from the provisions of the Restrictive Practices laws. In return, the members of the Stock Exchange agreed to change their rules, principally to make it easier to admit outsiders and to abandon the system of fixed rates of commissions on securities transactions.

That in turn has set off a series of consequential changes popularly characterized as breaking down the walls between different parts of the City. If anyone with the money and the right credentials can buy into a stockbroker, then the inviolability of every other protected species can be challenged. The prevailing question has become not "Why?" but "Why not?" Why should stockbrokers and stockjobbers be kept rigidly apart? Why not let department stores or bookmakers offer the public a stock market service? And, as commissions are no longer to be fixed after the end of next year, why not make share trading more attractive to the public by using price cuts to stimulate demand in true supermarket style? In this climate it is difficult to justify the exclusion of important foreign securities houses such as Merrill Lynch of the US or Nomura of Japan.

The quick answer to the question "Why not?" is that by keeping financial services companies rigidly segregated and denying easy entry into the various markets, it has been much simpler to protect investors. Banks, insurance companies, securities dealers and Lloyd's insurance market are all covered by laws special to each of them. Such walls should be dismantled with great care. Without them, the investor is more likely to see his savings vanish through some deft sleight of hand.

However Mr Alex Fletcher, the minister responsible for guiding through the eventual new legislation on this wide-ranging and complex subject, is confident that we can have the best of both worlds. "Regulation should be made to meet the needs of the market, rather than the market being forced to meet the needs of regulation," he says. While much work remains to be done, the skeleton of a supervisory system is beginning to emerge. Predictably, this government is setting its face against a Securities and Exchange Commission on American lines. It would be another bureaucratic tier. Instead, the Department of Trade and Industry is to act as a licensing authority for the bodies in charge of each financial service. As the laws are introduced, the elusive but considerable authority of the Governor of the Bank of England is expected to diminish.

Each body, such as the Stock Exchange, would have to submit its constitution and ruling council for approval by the DTI. What is not clear is what sanctions the DTI could apply, short of total abolition. The individual operators would also be subject to the provisions of the Insolvency Bill due to come before Parliament in the next session. This, among other things, will probably invoke the concept of "wrongful trading". Transgressors would be barred from holding further directorships.

It is by no means certain that this will be anything like enough. As the competition for the saver's custom intensifies, so will there be an increased temptation to take short cuts. More than mere fools may be parted from their money. The Government may yet find that it is forced to replace the City's invisible walls on which the Governor of the Bank of England currently stands guard, with a more tangible supervisory system than the new legal structure will provide.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cost of policing the pit dispute

From Mr J. F. Chatfield

Sir, In your report (March 19) of the mobilization of police manpower from county police forces in England and Wales to assist the police forces in Nottinghamshire and elsewhere to maintain law and order in the miners' dispute, your Social Policy Correspondent, David Walker, states: "The cost will bear heavily on the counties requesting assistance. Half will come from the Home Office; the rest will have to be found by ratepayers".

This comment illustrates a misconception of the working of police grant.

It is true that police authorities receive a specific grant from central government of about one half of police costs. However, this grant, like all other specific grants received from central government, is simply a first charge upon the totality of the grant which is made by central government towards the relevant expenditure of local government.

The totality of central government grant is a fixed sum and any increase in amounts paid in specific grant (without the addition of further funds by central government) merely reduces the balance which is distributed to local authorities in the form of a general rate-support grant.

Thus, additional expenditure faced by police authorities over the miners' dispute will not itself lead to any extra funding by central government.

Indeed, in that most of the 41 police authorities in England and Wales are already spending at or above the level set in expenditure targets by central government, the additional net police expenditure (if it cannot be funded by savings in other police expenditure or other services in the current year) will lead to an increase in the total expenditure of the authority over target.

Unless central government chooses to disregard such "excess" expenditure, it will result in a *loss* of rate-support grant, since the authority will then suffer a penalty holdback of rate-support grant to which it would otherwise have been entitled.

It should be clearly understood that the help which is readily offered by one police authority to another does not represent any move towards a national police force, but illustrates our real and continuing support for the maintenance of law and order despite the financial consequences, which may be severe.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. CHATFIELD, Chairman,
Police Committee,
Association of County Councils,
66a Eaton Square, SW1.

A future for coal

From Mr W. David

Sir, The sentimental call (March 17) from the NUM's Betteshanger Secretary for revitalizing isolated communities echoes those we hear so often for preserving villages, or crofting, or city centres, or whatever: all only possible in a society with an apparent surplus up for grabs.

But the "surplus" extracted from this taxpayer carries a vote and it will always be cast in favour of the future – the child before the old maid.

On a purely personal basis, let Mr Harrison show us his beef: does he pay 30 per cent extra for his victuals to keep a corner grocer going? Would he approve a village tax to keep the owner's earnings in line with a miner's?

There never have been "good old days" for any but the occasional short-lived group, even in these sheltered isles; in many parts of the world change is continuous and very instant. Personally, I hope my grandchildren will look on manual mining and factory production lines as we today look back on child labour – saddened that free men with red blood in their veins were so employed.

Those subjected to change in the West today are protected at a level few in the past could hope to achieve – and few in the world have today: protected in health, in education, warmly housed and, yes, entertained. And the will is there – as it should be – to do more; but all are subject to change and there is no gain for some of us to thrust the begging bowl forcefully down a neighbour's throat, as we saw in the North last week.

Yours faithfully,
W. DAVID,
29 Frognal,
Hampstead, NW3.
March 17.

From Mr Walter Kendall

Sir, In his otherwise perceptive comments on the miners' dispute your Labour Editor writes in part (feature, March 16) that "by insisting on an end to all pit closures . . . the National Union of Mineworkers is effectively demanding the right to manage the industry".

This is surely not the case.

The best solution to the endemic problems of the mining industry would *indeed* be for the workforce to assume responsibility for the conduct of the industry by means of some form of Guild Socialist-style workers' self-management.

Under such a scheme, once advocated by an earlier, wiser generation of miners' leaders, the pitmen would assume responsibility for the conduct of the industry, as responsible trustees for the nation.

As it is the miners have some power, but are denied all responsibility, the worst of both worlds for us all.

Yours sincerely,
WALTER KENDALL,
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Wimbledon, SW19.
March 16.

Abolition of GLC

From the Chairman of the Association of Chief Executives of London Boroughs

Sir, Members of the Association of Chief Executives of the London Boroughs are concerned about the report in *The Times* (March 15) under the heading "Boroughs attack GLC abolition". Your readers may well have assumed from the article that all 33 London chief executives have, to use your words, "issued a joint condemnation of the Government's plan to abolish the Greater London Council". This is not the case. The association has no wish to enter into the argument about whether or not the GLC should be abolished.

In common with other professional organizations and bodies it has responded to the Secretary of State's invitation to comment on the White Paper on *Streamlining the Cities*, but the comments it has made relate to the preferred organizational structure and division of powers which would replace the GLC if abolition goes ahead.

The point I particularly wish to make, however, is that the association's comments have not been endorsed by all London borough chief executives and represent only the view of the majority of those chief executives who were present at the meeting of the association when the matter was finally dealt with. This was made quite clear to the Secretary of State when the association submitted its response.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. J. TRIDGELL, Chairman,
Association of Chief Executives of London Boroughs,
Town Hall,
Romford, Essex.

No future for convoys

From Mr Hugh Hanning

Sir, It is not easy to pick out Admiral Le Bailly's main argument from the surrounding sea clutter of red herrings and echoes of battles long ago (letter, March 15).

Our own point, on the British Atlantic Committee's group, was absolutely clear. By the 1990s convoys will be no longer on. As we put it: "The prospect of reinforcing the land battle in Europe by ships sailing in convoy looks more incredible every year".

We have not heard of anybody since our report was published who has disputed tht thewhole concept of the Atlantic convoy is overdue for reconsideration.

For this nobody is to blame. It is simply a consequence of new technology – of precision-guided missiles, soon with 20 times the range of those used by the Argentinians, fired from submarines, of which the Soviet Union has upwards of 300, many of them nuclear-powered, and from long-range bombers; air-sown mines around European ports; and total real-time surveillance of the whole ocean from Moscow.

We did not stress the danger from Soviet surface warships, precisely because we regard all surface ships as increasingly vulnerable, including theirs.

In face of these developments we do *not* call for a "reduction in naval forces". On the contrary, we specifically recommend the deployment of naval units to meet the new Soviet threats to Alliance interests outside Europe.

This task is at once more realistic, urgent and relevant than trying to salvage a leaking strategy which has never in any case fitted in with Nato's land or air strategy.

Yours etc,
HUGH HANNING,
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The British Atlantic Committee,
30A St James's Square, SW1.

Account disclosure

From Mr Philip R. Noakes

Sir, Mr Ellenbogen (March 17) challenges the argument that if A pays money into B's bank account without his knowledge no deception is involved.

A, or Mr Ellenbogen, or anyone can pay any money they like into my account without my knowledge. My consent – and grateful thanks – can be taken for granted.

Yours hopefully,
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St Mary's Lane, Uplyme,
Lyme Regis, Dorset.

Ringside views

From Dr Harold Hillman and Dr Peter Kandela

Sir, The World Medical Association (WMA) meeting in Venice on October 27, 1983, passed a resolution, stating, *inter alia*, that

> Boxing is a dangerous sport. Unlike other sports, the basic intent of boxing is to produce bodily harm in the opponent. Boxing can result in death and produces an alarming incidence of chronic brain injury. For this reason, the World Medical Association recommends that boxing be banned.

However, the WMA recognised that it was unlikely that boxing would be banned in the near future, so that it also suggested a series of regulatory measures designed to make boxing safer. These included a National Registry, which would list all boxers and sparring partners, would license bouts, and would document all injuries.

It also recommended conferences with all interested parties to review criteria for examination of boxers, to determine how to prevent brain injury and to develop criteria for the discontinuance of a bout for medical reasons.

The WMA also suggested that ring physicians be authorised to stop fights to examine the contestants and determine whether the bouts should continue. It also urged more safety measures in the ring, such as plastic safety mats and padded corner posts.

It seems clear to us that it will take a long time to persuade the public that boxing, both professional and amateur, should be banned completely, but we would stress the importance of the fact that the World Medical Association now puts its professional weight behind this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,
HAROLD HILLMAN (Secretary),
PETER KANDELA (Executive Member, British supporting group of the World Medical Association, British Medical Association),
Unity Laboratory,
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Guildford,
Surrey.

Need to keep the poor in the warm

From Mr Richard Berthoud

Sir, On Wednesday afternoon (March 21) the House of Commons will debate an Opposition motion on "fuel costs and the poor".

There are several long-term issues concerning the problems of pensioners and families who found it hard enough to keep warm even before the price rises of the past ten years: about the supply and pricing of fuel; about energy efficiency of homes; and about income-support measures. But these long-term issues are often obscured by an immediate and drastic problem, which could be addressed by the Government while it considers solutions on the wider front. Many families cannot buy *any fuel at all*, because their supply has been disconnected by their electricity or gas board.

Customers who use fuel must be obliged to pay for it somehow, whatever their circumstances. But other means of making people pay have been designed to avoid this draconian penalty, which is meted out by public monopolies with virtually no legal constraints. Almost all of the families affected are, by the fuel boards' own criteria, at risk of hardship. Disconnection frequently causes suffering and has sometimes led to catastrophe.

The electricity and gas supply industries are as convinced of the necessity of disconnection for non-payment as they would once have been that the earth is flat. When their power is threatened the industries bluster: that everyone will stop paying their bills (they won't); that alternative measures would cost millions (they wouldn't); and that the discretion of the boards' employees on the doorstep provides the best safeguard against hardship (research has clearly shown that it doesn't).

A just debt-collection procedure will not allow customers to evade their obligations. Nor will it solve the wider problems I have referred to, by enabling poor families to afford more fuel. It is needed for its own sake.

The fuel industries have not so far been able to agree on an alternative procedure. If the Secretary of State for Energy were to give notice that their power of disconnection would be terminated one year from today, depend on it Sir, it would concentrate their minds wonderfully.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BERTHOUD,
Policy Studies Institute,
1/2 Castle Lane, SW1.
March 19.

Ghana's economic ills

From Lord Gifford

Sir, How distasteful to find you giving editorial endorsement ("Alas! poor Ghana", March 7) to those who are seeking the overthrow of an established Commonwealth government. When the government in question has been the object of a number of attempted coups d'état, mounted by exiles with Western backing, such support is little less than incitement to further violence.

In your attack on the present government of Ghana you give no credit for the unquestioned integrity of Flight-Lieutenant Rawlings himself, of the leading members of his Administration and of the new institutions which are trying to deal with the corrupt practices of Ghana's wealthy citizens and companies.

To give an example, the Citizens' Vetting Committee investigating tax evasion found that only a handful of Ghana's barristers had made honest tax returns and many successful lawyers had paid no taxes for years. It is such people who are now bemoaning the good old days from a position of comfortable exile.

Ghana's economic problems are indeed enormous, but there is no instant prescription which can cure an economy which has been infected for years by the corrupt and greedy. In seeking strong links with Western business, and in negotiating a difficult IMF agreement, Ghana deserves our support and not our scorn. It is in the interests of Britain as well as Ghana that the present government should enjoy a prolonged period of stability.

Yours faithfully,
GIFFORD,
35 Wellington Street, WC2.
March 8.

Cost of education

From Dr P. J. Davies

Sir, Sir Keith Joseph is reported to have told teachers, of whom I am one, that to exceed a 3 per cent increase in wages this year will mean that teachers would be depriving children of the books and materials needed in schools. The argument, apparently, is that the education budget is limited and that teachers' pay is a direct factor in the amount available to schools.

According to independent evidence presented to the committee concerned with deciding pay increases for teachers, my pay as a teacher is over 30 per cent below the figure agreed in 1974 as reasonable. It would appear that already, then, I am making a considerable sacrifice in my pay to finance children's books and materials.

It might be expected, therefore, that the amount of money to be spent on children's books and materials in schools would be considerably increased, paid for out of the salaries of teachers. In my own department, however, the amount of money I am given to spend on books and materials per child has decreased by 25 per cent in money terms, much more in real terms, in less than four years.

Faced with these figures Sir Keith Joseph's reported remarks seem highly tendentious without a shred of evidence. I must say his attitude makes me very bitter.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. DAVIES,
42 Despenser Avenue,
Llantrisant, Glamorgan.

Economies in the NHS

From Sir Rustam Feroze and others

Sir, Whilst we are aware that the financial resources devoted to the NHS have increased over the last three decades, we are concerned about the possible effects of the present round of economies. In the face of a steadily ageing population and the rapidly increasing technical advances of medical and surgical treatment, we fear that future funding may not be sufficient to maintain even the present standard of care.

Although we accept the need to improve efficiency and for good management, we believe that unless economies are carefully planned in the right areas, there is the danger of a reduction in patient services. Without adequate funding the future development of preventive medicine, health care and the improvements from advances in medicine will be threatened.

We are also deeply concerned that present staffing policies may restrict the training of doctors, dentists, nurses and other health professionals on whom the future of the NHS depends.

Yours faithfully,
RUSTAM FEROZE (President, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists),
D. CAMPBELL (Dean, Faculty of Anaesthetists),
ROBERT CURRAN (President, Royal College of Pathologists),
R. DUCKWORTH (Dean, Faculty of Dental Surgery),
JAMES FRASER (President, Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh)),
RONALD GIRDWOOD (President, Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh)),
R. HOFFENBERG (President, Royal College of Physicians (London)),
J. G. KIRKER (President, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland),
E. O'MALLEY (President, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland),
KEN RAWNSLEY (President, Royal College of Psychiatrists),
W. M. ROSS (President, Royal College of Radiologists),
G. SLANEY (President, Royal College of Surgeons (England)),
ALWYN SMITH (President, Faculty of Community Medicine),
P. J. TAYLOR (Dean, Faculty of Occupational Medicine),
T. J. THOMSON (President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Glasgow)),
Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties in the UK,
Department of Pathology,
The Medical School,
University of Birmingham,
Birmingham.

Medical manpower

From Dr Gillian R. Perry and others

Sir, We read the article, "A prescription for GP conflict" (feature, March 7), with increasing dismay, to which was added disbelief that anyone could seriously assess the workload of a GP from a small variation in the number of patients on the list.

It has been our experience over the past 15 years that, while the number of patients registered with us has increased slightly, our workload has increased immeasurably more.

There are a number of reasons for this including, as you mention, the earlier discharge of patients from hospital and the care of the chronically sick in the community rather than in institutions, but also the ageing of the population and, most importantly, the social disintegration of society with increase in marital breakdown etc.

This has resulted in more anxiety and depression and considerably more stress-related illness of all kinds. When there are family problems or crisis the GP is often one of the first people to be involved.

We accept that there are areas where economies could and should be made, but after working in and for the NHS for 26, 21 and seven years respectively, we would ask that, before "solutions" are imposed from on high, an adequate assessment should be made of work actually done in a working day that now seldom includes the luxury of a "lunch hour".

Yours faithfully,
GILLIAN R. PERRY,
ANDREW J. CHAPEL,
ROGER M. PAWSON,
45 Dollar Street,
Cirencester,
Gloucestershire.

Venice preserved

From Mrs Margaret Smith

Sir, Would it be possible, through your columns, to express to the Royal Academy and the sponsors a deep debt of gratitude for the magnificent exhibition, "The Genius of Venice", which so many people have been enjoying in recent weeks.

Many of us who are elderly feel we shall never again see all these paintings gathered together under one roof.

One comes away with a lift to the heart and feeling that, after all, civilization is alive and well!

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET SMITH,
30 Bromley College,
London Road,
Bromley,
Kent.
March 17.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 20: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Captain Dipakbahadur Gurung and Captain Rambahadur Limbu, VC (The Queen's Gurkha Orderly Officers) had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested them with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Fifth Class).

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this morning chaired the Annual General Meeting of the Central Council of Physical Recreation at Fishmongers' Hall, EC4.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron of the Paediatric Research Unit's Generation Trust, this afternoon visited the Unit at Guy's Hospital Medical School, SE1.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the London Federation of Boy's Clubs, subsequently visited the Chelsea Boys' Club, Blantyre Street, SW10 and St Andrew's Club, Alec Wizard House, Old Pye Street, SW1, and afterwards attended a dinner at Moet & Chandon (London) Ltd, 13 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1.

Lieutenant-Commander Andrew Wynn, RN was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 20: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Musical Reception given at St James's Palace on behalf of the Aldeburgh Foundation.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain the Hon Jeremy Stopford were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 20: The Princess of Wales this morning visited Women's Own Magazine, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, SE1.

The Hon Mrs Vivian Baring and Mr Victor Chapman were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Concert held in aid of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' Woodland Bird Survival Campaign at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 20: The Duchess of Kent, as Chief Patron, today visited the Camphill Village Trust, Newnham, Gloucestershire, and, also as Chief Patron, later visited the National Star Centre for Disabled Youth at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs David Napier.

Memorial services for the Duke of Beaufort will be held on Friday, March 23, in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at noon; in Bristol Cathedral at noon and in Gloucester Cathedral at 3pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr S. V. Davies and Miss S. J. Harman
The engagement is announced between Simon Vyvyan, son of Mr and Mrs D. G. L. Davies, of Radyr, Cardiff, and Susan Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Harman, of Slough, Berkshire.

Mr J. E. Edinger and Dr H. MacGregor
The engagement is announced between James Ernest, elder son of Mr and Mrs E Edinger, of Miami, Florida, and Helen, daughter of Dr and Mrs A. J. MacGregor, of Sourby New Farm, Timble, North Yorkshire.

Mr S. P. Ellis and Miss V. S. Curtis
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Ellis, of Northside, Bishop's Stortford, and Virginia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Curtis, of Putney, London, SW15.

Dr C. M. Francis and Dr C. P. Manson
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs C. R. W. Francis, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Claire, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. H. Manson, of Godalming, Surrey.

Mr A. E. Gillespie and Miss M. E. Bevan
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs R. Gillespie, of Nowra, New South Wales, and Marian, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Bevan, of Manor Farm, Alresford.

Mr D. S. C. Hart and Miss L. L. Gouldstone
The engagement is announced between Daniel Sydney Cecil, second son of Mr and Mrs Sydney Hart, of Roehampton, and Laura Lesley, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gouldstone, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr C. J. Hughes-Roberts and Miss M. M. Mackaness
The engagement is announced between Justin, only son of Mr and Mrs C. D. Hugheston-Roberts, of Gayton, Northamptonshire, and Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. A. Mackaness, of Preston Deanery, Northamptonshire.

Mr T. W. Morris and Miss T. Johnson
The engagement is announced between Thomas William, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs J. B. Morris, of East Lydeard, Taunton, and Tara, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Johnson, of Queen Alexandra Road, Sunderland.

Mr J. L. S. Lonsdale and Miss L. M. Greig
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr Norman Lonsdale and the late Mrs Norman Lonsdale, of Kingstone Lisle Park, Wantage, Oxfordshire, and Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs Caron Greig, of Brook House, Fleet, Hampshire.

Mr A. S. Newton and Miss K. A. Hicks
The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs Keith Newton, of Hampstead, and Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Hicks, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

Mr I. A Paterson and Miss S. J. Bound
The engagement is announced between Ian Alick, eldest son of Dr J. Y. F. Paterson, Cambridge Lodge, Brabraham, Cambridge, and Mrs E. T. Reichardt, Zaandam, Netherlands, and Sonia Jayne, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. J. Bound, Cae-Glas, Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan. The marriage will take place at Aberdare on April 23, 1984.

Mr J. P Savage and Miss C. F. Bulstrode
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr A. P. Savage and the late Mrs A. P. Savage, of Shudy Camps, Cambridge, and Caroline, daughter of the late Canon and Mrs Martin Bulstrode, of Framlingham, Suffolk.

Mr P. W. Warburg and Miss P. C. Law
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of the late Dr E. F. Warburg and of Mrs Warburg, of South Hayes, Yarnells Hill, Oxford, and Penelope, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Law, of Turnpike House, Withersfield, Suffolk.

Latest wills

Mr Cyril Wheatley Maplethorpe, of Hertingfordbury, Hertfordshire, formerly managing director of Allen and Hanburys, the pharmaceutical firm, and president of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, left estate valued at £752,551 net.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Brigadier Norman England, late Royal Army Medical Corps, to be Honorary Physician to The Queen in succession to Major General Joseph Porter Crowdy.

University news

Cambridge
Election
DARWIN COLLEGE: Philip Nicholas Johnson-Laird, PhD, Assistant Director of the MCR Unit of Applied Psychology, to an official fellowship.

Vintners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Vintners' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr J. A. Pillinger; Upper Warden, Mr A L Davies; Renter Warden, Mr Martin Platt; Swan Warden, Mr H. H. Fairbank.

Sir Adrian Boult

A memorial to Sir Adrian Boult will be unveiled and dedicated in the Musician's Aisle in Westminster Abbey immediately after evensong on Sunday, April 8. Evensong will be sung by the abbey choir at 3.00 pm and will include music by Stanford, Parry and J. S. Bach. Seats will be reserved for relatives, close personal friends and official representatives on application to the Chapter Clerk, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, London, SW1P 3PA, and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by March 28. All are welcome to be present. No tickets are necessary.

Canford School

Canford School announces the following awards:
Major Scholarships: G P McPherson, Castle Court; Corrie Mullen and Canford School.
C A Brown, St Michael's, Tawstock; C J Taverner, Port Regis, Shaftesbury; A M Gorham, Castle Court; Corfe Mullen.
Minor Scholarships: T W Cooper, Woodleigh, Malton, North Yorkshire; S J Malcolm, Twyford; T Ash, Mullen and Canford School; R P O'Sullivan, Chartwell; Highfield School; D G Roberts, Perrott Hill.
Exhibitions: ...
Music Scholarships: G E F Smart, Boundary Oak, Fareham.
Music Exhibitions: N J Williams, Durlston Court; Country Middle School, Ferndown and Canford School; M P Kane, Sandroyd School...
Art Scholarship: D G Sexton, Edinburgh Hotels, New Milton.

Rossall School

Mr I. S. Elliott, Housemaster at Trent College, has been appointed Headmaster of the Rossall Junior School to succeed Mr C. R. Gordon Jones. He will take up his appointment in September 1984.

St George's College, Weybridge

The following scholarships have been awarded:
13+ Anthony Clark, Woburn Hill School. 13+ Adrian Fox-Murphy, Cranmore Kinds.




The new Bishop of Bradford, the Right Rev Robert Williamson, who was consecrated yesterday.

Mr Dick Francis, the novelist and former champion jockey, with his wife, Mary, and sons Merrick (left) and Felix at Buckingham Palace yesterday, when he received the insignia of the OBE. Both the Queen and the Queen Mother regularly read his racing novels, Mr Francis said.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Ray Whitney, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens given in honour of the ASEAN London Committee.

Union Jack Club
The Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Michael Heseltine, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by members of the Council of the Union Jack Club at the club yesterday. The president, Major-General Sir Robert Pigot, presided.

Receptions

Shaikha Latifa Al-Khalifa
The Ambassador of Bahrain and the Shaikha Latifa Al-Khalifa held a reception and buffet supper for members of the Bahrain Society at 2 Upper Brook Street last night.

Those present included:
Mr and Mrs E F Given, Mr and Mrs C Gault and Sir George and Lady Middleton.

British Philippine Society
The Philippine Ambassador, President of the British Philippine Society, and Mr R Garton, chairman, were hosts at the society's annual meeting and reception held at the Philippine Embassy yesterday.

Institute of Public Relations
A reception was held last night to mark the opening of the new headquarters of the Institute of Public Relations at the Gate House, St John's Square, London EC1. The President of the Institute of Public Relations, Mr Peter Smith, greeted the guests who included past presidents of the institute, members of the council, and institute committee chairmen.

Dinners

Anchorites
Mr D. W. Neighbour presided at the annual Naval Attaches night dinner of The Anchorites held at the Cafe Royal last night. Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, was the principal guest.

Highland Society of London
Lord Campbell of Croy, President of the Highland Society of London, presided at a dinner held at the Caledonian Club last night. The guests included Sir Adam Thomson and Mr Alastair Campbell of Airds, Yr, and among others present were:
Lord Strathspey, the Hon Maurice Robson, Major Sir Francis Head, Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, QC, Sir Archibald Forbes, Major-General A L Watson, Mr Michael Fraser, Mr Ian MacPhail, Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar, Mr Ronald MacDonald of Clanranald, Brigadier Sydney Robertson and Mr Patrick Pirie-Gordon of Buthlaw.

Gardeners' Company
The Gardeners' Company held a court meeting at Merchant Taylors' Hall yesterday. A dinner was held afterwards when the speakers were the Master, Rear-Admiral M. J. Ross, Alderman Sir Peter Gadsden and Mr D. H. S. Howard.

Conference for Independent Further Education
The annual dinner of the Conference for Independent Further Education was held on Saturday, March 17 in the Grand Hotel, Brighton. Mr J. L. Norden proposed the toast to the guests to which Mr David Emms, Master of Dulwich College and Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, replied. Mr Richard Smart was in the chair.

Other guests included:
The Mayor of Brighton, Councillor Charles Jermy, the Vice-Chancellor of Sussex University and Lady Williams, Professor and Mrs D W Bowett, Miss Gail Taylor (British Accreditation Council), Mr and Mrs John Brackin and Mrs C Rowlands.

Mrs L. Leifland
The Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, was the guest of honour at a dinner given yesterday by the Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Leif Leifland at their residence, 27 Portland Place.

Other guests included:
Viscount Whitelaw, CH, and Viscountess Whitelaw, Sir Keith Joseph, MP, Mr and Mrs Lionel Murray, Sir Douglas and Lady Wass, Dr and Mrs Hans Rausing and Mr and Mrs Eric Penser.

Meetings

Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry
Lord Denning delivered the Denning Lecture at New Hall, Lincoln's Inn, last night, to the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry, on "Trade Unions on Trial". Lord Templeman presided and Mr Michael Astbury, chairman, also spoke.

Others present included:
The Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Griffiths, Lord Justice Ackner, Mr Justice Gibson, Mr Justice Bingham, Judge Argyle and Mr Christopher Hewetson.

General Dental Council
Baroness Seear delivered the Wilfred Fish Memorial lecture entitled "The Professions: Red Light or Green?" to the General Dental Council yesterday. Among those present were Lord Colwyn, Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Sir Robert Bradlaw and Mr G. R. Miller Yardley, President of the British Dental Association. Baroness Seear was the guest at a dinner given afterwards by the president of the council, Sir Frank Lawton.

Westminster shows springtime colour

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

Both of the Royal Horticultural Society's Halls at Westminster are full of colour and interest this week. The Old Hall has the show of the British Orchid Grower's Association, while in the New Hall the RHS is holding the early spring flower show.

Four gold medals were awarded, one of these gained by Edrom Nurseries, of Coldingham, Berwickshire, for primulas and dwarf bulbs arranged in a "woodland" setting. Particularly interesting are the chalk-blue *Primula bhutanica* and *P. whitei*. McBeans Nurseries received a gold medal for their fine display of orchids, and so did the Ichiyo School of Ikebana for a beautiful display of Japanese flower arrangements. A well-deserved gold medal in the Lindley range (for scientific or educational exhibits) went to Butterfields Nurseries, of Bourne End, for a comprehensive collection of pleiones or hardy dwarf orchids.

Several competitions are being held in conjunction with the RHS Show. In the daffodil competition, J. Gilbert, of Hagley, won the Devonshire Trophy for 12 cultivars. Mr and Mrs R. H. H. Taylor and The National Trust, Coleton Fishacre, Kingswear, won first prize for their white *Magnolia salicifolia*, in the magnolia competition. In the rhododendron competition Robert N. Stephenson Clarke, of Bord Hill, Haywards Heath, won first prize for four species; and in the camellia competition D. and R. Strauss, of Ardingly, won first prize for three cultivars of *Camellia japonica*.

In the British Orchid Show, Mr S. J. Woolway, of Huntington, won the McBean Cymbidium Perpetual Challenge Trophy for 12 cymbidiums. The Grand Champion Plant was a pink Cymbidium, shown by Mr D. Oakey, of Banstead, who was awarded the B.O.G.A. Perpetual Challenge Trophy.

Awards of merit were given to the following plants by the RHS Committees: *Camellia* 'Harold L. Paige', large light red flowers, for cool greenhouse; *Camellia japonica* 'Margaret Davis', white, variegated pink, for cool greenhouse; *Camellia japonica* 'Snow Chan', pure white, for cool greenhouse; *Pieris japonica* 'Dorothy Wickhoff', white flowers with red calyces; all exhibited by Dr J. A. Smart, of Barnstaple; *Camellia x williamsii* 'Jenefer Carlyon', raised and exhibited by Miss Gillian Carlyon, of Par, Cornwall, pink flowers; *Euphorbia rigida*, exhibited by Mr and Mrs S. M. Wills, of Clevedon, Avon, a hardy plant from Greece, with deep gold bracts; *Iris unguicularis* 'Mary Barnard', exhibited by the Rev R. J. Blakeway-Phillips, of Little Abingdon, brilliant purple-blue flowers; *Primula allionii* 'Marjorie Wooster', raised and exhibited by K. R. Wooster, of Milton Keynes, a plant for the alpine house, with pin, white-centred flowers; and *Cotyledon orbiculata*, exhibited by Mr E. F. Allen, of Copdock, a South African plant for the cool greenhouse.

The following orchids also received Awards of Merit from the Orchid Committee: *Phalaenopsis* Lippeglut 'Ruthergien', exhibited by Mr F. W. Smith, of Wellingborough, pink flowers; *Wilsonara* 'Darkstar', exhibited by Mrs D. Rhodes, of Southouram, deepest crimson with yellow and white lip; and *Paphiopedilum* New World 'Grand Slam', raised and exhibited by Tatcliffe Orchids Limited, of Chilton.

Both shows are open today from 10am to 5pm.

Birthdays today

Lord Boston of Faversham, 54; Mr Peter Brook, 59; Sir George Fretwell, 84; Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, 51; Mr Antony Hopkins, 63; Professor Sir Joseph Hutchinson, 82; Dr Peter Main, 59; Lord Oaksey, 55; Mr Geoffrey Pinnington, 65; Sir Victor Shepheard, 91; General Sir Frank Simpson, 85; Sir Blanshard Stamp, 79; Sir Stanley Tomlinson, 72; Mr Paul Tortelier, 70; Lord Wilson of Langside, QC, 68.

OBITUARY

MR B. W. ANDERSON

Research on testing of gems

Mr Basil William Anderson, for 46 years director of the London Chamber of Commerce gem testing laboratory and world renowned in British gemmology, died suddenly on February 24 at his home at Hartland, North Devon. He was 82.

Anderson was born in London on July 3, 1901. Educated at Sedbergh School and at King's College, London, he obtained an honours degree in chemistry and geology and in 1925 was asked by the London Chamber of Commerce to organize the world's first independent gem testing laboratory, charged with the task of finding an answer to the then new Japanese whole cultured pearl, which was affecting imports of natural pearls. For some years he dealt only with pearls, until the depression of the 1930s slowed the rate of import to a trickle and gave time for research into other gems.

This ultimately led to finding new highly refractive liquids, new designs of refractometers and a re-determination of the physical constants of all gem minerals in their cuttable qualities. His most important major research programme led to the establishment of absorption spectroscopy as a gem testing technique in Britain, a development which other countries were to adopt in later years. These and other innovations were incorporated in 1940 in a re-written edition of the standard textbook *Gemstones*, by Dr G. F. Herbert Smith, at the time Keeper of Minerals at the Natural History Museum.

Anderson's own lucidly written book *Gem Testing* appeared in 1942 and was adopted as another textbook which has since run to nine editions and is now available in several languages. A second book *Gemstones for Everyman* appeared in 1976 and was intended for a wider readership. In his lifetime he contributed between 200 and 300 articles to scientific journals about his subject.

In his laboratory work Anderson was associated with the discovery and naming of such rare new gems as gahnospinel, taaffeite, painite and ekanite. He initiated methods of detecting irradiation of diamonds which is used to give them desirable fancy colours, and of testing industrial diamond powders for adulteration.

An inspired teacher with a remarkable ability to make complex matters understandable, Anderson was lecturer-in-chief to the gemmological courses at Chelsea Polytechnic for nearly 30 years. He was examiner to the Gemmological Association, of which he was a Fellow, from 1951 until his death. Retirement at 70 from his laboratory work in 1972 meant, for him, more time to write, more time to observe nature around his North Devon home and above all more time to correspond at great length with his numerous friends around the world.

A kindly, good-hearted man, brilliant in his allotted subject, Anderson, a grandson of Frederick Field FRS the Victorian chemist and mineralogist, was possibly the foremost pioneer in the applied science of gemmology in Britain if not in the world. In 1977 he was made a Fellow of King's College in recognition of his great contribution to that science.

He is survived by his wife Barbara who took wonderful care of him for almost 25 years.

PROF ARTHUR SMAILES

Professor Arthur Smailes, who did much to bring about a greater emphasis on human, and specifically urban, activities in the teaching of geography, died on March 17 at the age of 72. He was Professor of Geography at Queen Mary College, London, from 1955 to 1973, and after that Professor Emeritus.

Born on March 23, 1911, and brought up at Haltwhistle where his father was headmaster of the elementary school, he attended Hexham grammar school and then at 17 went to read geography at University College, London. He passed finals in 1930 at the age of 19 with first class honours.

Times were difficult during the 1930s even for highly able graduates wishing to become university teachers, possibly even more difficult than today. Consequently, though retained on a temporary basis as a lecturer by University College, he had to seek supplementary work elsewhere and was not confirmed in post until 1939. In 1950 he was appointed Reader.

In 1953 Smailes transferred to the headship of the geography department at Queen Mary College and became its professor in 1955.

His researches began in historical geography, particularly that of the Northumberland and Durham coalfield, but during the Second World War his interests shifted towards planning and urban geography. His papers between 1944 and 1950, particularly "The urban hierarchy of England and Wales", "The urban mesh of England and Wales", and "The analysis and delimitation of urban fields" set the stage for establishing urban geography in the geographical curriculum in Britain.

He was largely instrumental in having settlement geography included in the syllabus for the geography degree of London University, a step soon followed by universities elsewhere. Thus did the decline of the physical basis of geography really begin, and the rise of human geography to parity with physical geography gradually result. The present strength of human geography owes much to Smailes.

A man with a prickly manner, Smailes could seem by today's standards a somewhat reactionary figure. He was in fact rigorously radical in the true sense of that term, loathing sloppiness of style, expression and argument. As a teacher he was thorough, accurate and extraordinarily clear, and took a great interest in the well-being of his students.

He was a Methodist lay preacher for many years, and recently a trustee of Kingsway Hall. Among his publications, for which he was awarded the D.Lit. degree of London University, were "The geography of towns" published in 1953 and reprinted many times; and "North England", published in 1960, which reflected not only his interest in historical and regional geography, but also more than a passing knowledge of physical geography.

He held many offices including secretary for many years and president of the Institute of British Geographers, chairman of the urban geography commission of the International Geographical Union, chairman of the board of studies in geography, chairman of his local AUT branch, and governor of Queen Mary College.

He leaves his wife Dorothy, whom he married in 1937, and a daughter.

MISS GILLIAN MACKAY

Miss Gillian Mackay, a well known figure in British women's aviation, died on March 13 at her home at Burcot in Oxfordshire at the age of 60. A vital, effervescent woman who was active in many different areas, she was chairman of the British Women Pilots' Association from 1964 to 1969 and from 1974 to 1976.

Gillian Helen Mackay was born on September 20, 1923, and joined the WRNS immediately upon leaving school at Hunmanby Hall in Yorkshire. She joined the British Information Service in the United States shortly before the war's end. From 1947 to 1952 she was press officer to the Conservative Central Office and, after four years as an air stewardess with British Overseas Airways Corporation, became executive secretary to the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators of London.

Miss Mackay had already qualified for a private pilot's licence, having learned to fly during her weekends. Here her journalistic flair, administrative skills, passion for flying and all things to do with aviation shone through. She was made a Liveryman of the Guild as a mark of her exceptional service.

During her seven years as chairman of the Women Pilots' Association, she both promoted and took part in flying competitions. She was a winner of a Tissandier Diploma in 1967. She was a Companion of the Royal Aeronautical Society, a member of the Royal Aero Club and of the Air League - of which latter she was also at one time its membership secretary.

In 1971 she married Walter John Tullis.

Viscount Falkland, who died on March 16 at the age of 79, succeeded his father, the 13th Viscount, in 1961 and is succeeded by his son, the Master of Falkland.

Lady Poland widow of Vice-Admiral Sir Albert Poland, KBE, CB, DSO, DSC, died on March 15 at the age of 78. She was the former Leila Helen Beatrice Sly.

Science report

Genetic engineers prepare for battle

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Developments in biotechnology as a novel source of new drugs, vaccines, food preparations and fuels are involving hearings in courtrooms as well as advances in the laboratory. Some of the biggest university teams and science-based research companies in genetic engineering are fighting to protect their discoveries.

The most important of these battles was foreshadowed three weeks ago when the European Patent Office indicated to Biogen laboratories, a firm with its headquarters in Geneva, that it would be granted exclusive rights for the market development of alpha interferon, an antiviral drug which has also shown promise in the treatment of some forms of cancer.

The ink was scarcely dry on an exchange of letters before Biogen's biggest rival, the Genentech research company in California, asserted that it was the discoverer of the particular form of alpha interferon which was being tested by doctors.

In commercial terms, the outcome may affect the future direction of two international drug companies, Schering-Plough and Hoffman La Roche, which are acting respectively as the marketing partners for Biogen and Genentech. They have supported the two firms with several million pounds each to perfect methods of gene splicing for industrial applications.

Interferon is produced by the body when it is attacked by a virus and other infections, ranging from the common cold to tumours. Molecular biologists have discovered how to extract the gene that controls its production from cells in tissue culture, and that gene can be inserted into another organism, to be grown in fermentation tanks to yield quantities sufficient for making pharmaceutical preparations.

The race for the patent which will give prior right for the marketing of alpha interferon to a particular research group is one of more than 1,000 patent applications concerning large protein molecules with a biological activity of potential commercial profit for the drug and food processing industries.

Until recently the claim for patent rights covered mainly generic processes for a particular application of recombinant DNA technology whereby a biologically active substance could be prepared by a novel method.

The emerging struggle is for a much more specific stake in the benefits of having discovered specific forms of life at the cell level. The general description of processes which can produce proteins such as interferon and insulin by genetic engineering are not now regarded as very lucrative because there is usually more than one way to make the product. For example, while more than 60 firms have been granted licences for a fundamental gene-splicing procedure discovered at the University of California and Stanford University by Professor Herbert Boyer - incidentally, a cofounder of Genentech - and Professor Stanley Cohen, the income is worth only about £2m a year.

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THE ARTS

The cellist Paul Tortelier today celebrates his seventieth birthday with a book, a record album, a concert . . . and an interview by **Hilary Finch**

A lifetime spent in search of melody

Young men see visions, and old men, they say, dream deams. Today, the first of spring, Paul Tortelier celebrates his seventieth birthday with a concert with his family at the Barbican, and with the publication of an autobiography, *Paul Tortelier: A Self-Portrait* (Heinemann). The dedication of the book is simply "To my friends, the young, who carry our hope for tomorrow".

"An artist feels young until he dies, so we feel very close to youth. We have a tendency when we advance in life to become a bit pessimistic. But this feeling of uncertainty, of *malaise*, is shared by the youth today, and that was never before, never. There is something serious. These toys we have invented, machine computers, let alone nuclear toys, they worry everybody.

"It is worrying when people just press buttons [my cassette recorder on the table receives a physical reprimand] – excuse me. Our hands are the most noble part of our being, with our brain. Matisse said that, in the history of man, the tool was the *prolongement* of the hand. But now the hand becomes the extension of the tool. We have to think very carefully if we want to make a *fuit en avant*, an escape ahead. . . ."

Tortelier pouts once more at the infernal recording machine then asks mischievously: "What, then, do we retain of progress? I would say, let's retain the washing machine for the ladies, because I am very close to the ladies. And the bicycle. But the aeroplane? I wonder. It has brought more unity in the world. We know now that the Germans, the Russians, the Turks are not monsters, and that is important. But the plane works for time and against time, because we feel obliged to do more things in one day. If I can be in Paris this afternoon and this evening in Mexico, I will have less time to talk to you! Bach said that time is the only thing that is not given twice to us. *Alors*, we must use it well. . . ."

I pointed Tortelier to a passage in his book where he quotes Casals speaking after a conversation with Schweitzer:

> "Do you know what Schweitzer told me?", Casals asked. "He said that I should play again for the world – that it is better to create than to protest. But I am a human being first and a musician second. When I see how the world has abandoned my people I must protest. I cannot play – I cannot play".

"Yes. Casals did not protest with music. He was hurt about what had happened in Spain: he had perhaps lost hope: and he protested with silence. That is the difference. I don't know if it is possible to protest with music." Tonight Tortelier will perform his variations for solo cello and orchestra on "May Music save Peace". Composition for him is an integral part of performance and of the musician's particular vocation.

"I was lucky enough to have time to study composition in the seven years or so between 14 and 22. I had no engagements: I was not successful in music or love (my mother protected me from women). So I was confined, in Paris." Tortelier later took a sabbatical when he was 55 to complete the studies in counterpoint which he had begun in 1936. "And possibly I have still *la sève* – how you say – the sap in me.

"One reason for composing, you see, is to extend one's passage in time: but performers feel they do this now with records. So performers don't compose. *Voila!* Records are bad: we call it creation, but it is mere production. It is good for the public, but not for the professional. Records are a lie." A three-disc anthology of Tortelier's recordings is released by HMV today as part of the celebrations (SLS 2700013).

Tortelier mourns not only the vanished performer-composer, but also the loss of melody itself. "You know Beecham valued Mozart most highly because he wrote more tunes than any other composer. Puccini and Bizet, he said, wrote 75 tunes, but Mozart wrote 350! Now that is not as stupid as you may think. To bring to the world a beautiful tune is a great achievement. Anyone can invent effects, instrumentation. It took Beethoven a lifetime to find the melody of his Ninth Symphony. But it didn't take him a lifetime to decide to put it in the cellos and basses.

"And Bizet too! When I was in China I sang 'Toreador' to a msterclass of 100 Chinese from distant provinces, including Mongolia, and when I reached the third bar 100 Chinese sang with me! This is not theatre: this is life, passion, the sun biting your skin. That is what is Bizet. And it reached the heart of China.

"The trouble now is that composers don't have the necessity to compose. In France we say 'necessité fait loi'. Paganini had to play his music. Mozart was engaged to play his music. Now we have the repertoire, and *necessité* doesn't exist. But I have an idea for bringing the *necessité*. I regret international music competitions, but we can use them. Let's make one for soloists in the great tradition of the performer-composer. In the first stages, they will have to start with variations of their own on a classical theme. This will be 1990. They will need that time to learn composition. . .

"My dream, my dear friend, would not be so much to play and play, because I am not sure people understand what I explain to them in my music. My dream would be to create not a school – I don't have the money or the talent of my colleague Mr Menuhin – but simply *ateliers* for the formation of the performer-composer. There will be no records there. Scores, yes, and white music paper; a pencil, and three erasers for every pencil. . . ."

Television

Approach to parody

There cannot be much more to say about **The Jewel in the Crown** (Granada), now that Barbie has gone and, not a moment too soon, the Hiroshima bomb has brought all of the tedious fire-symbolism to a conclusion. Indian politics is no substitute, however, and something else was needed to enliven a narrative which has come close to parody over the last three weeks.

The army scenes themselves have been in the manner of a Comic Strip presentation – Five Go Mad in Pankot, lashings of gin fizz and last one out of India is a sissy. It was doubly fortunate, then, that Corporal "Sophie" Dixon should make an extended appearance: he has a juicy tale or two to while away the sultry afternoons, and in last night's episode he was able to entertain the insufferably nice Perron with a gay version of *Mrs Miniver.*

This series has really offered the opportunity to study the English temperament in extremis – the War and India being suitable theatres for the operation. It is, in that sense, rather stagey: the most powerful characters could have walked straight out of Victorian melodrama, and the most interesting scenes have been melodramatic also. That may not be the definition of good television, but it is close enough to it for most people.

Hard Feelings (BBC 1) would not have lured anyone back into modern life. This was a drama concocted around a group of Oxford graduates temporarily sharing a house in Brixton. It was not difficult to tell that they were graduates – they either said very dull things in bright voices or indulged in self-pitying monologues of a most unadventurous kind. The effect on an audience was rather like that of being left bound and gagged in a wine bar somewhere off the King's Road.

As an illustration of some of the worst effects of higher education, it may have served a purpose. That may even have been the intention of the writer, Doug Lucie, but good intentions can be as fatal in art as they are in life.

Certainly the dramatic potential of the exercise was rather limited: with a cast that included a northern boy with spectacles, a "radical" journalist, a part-time model and a putative rock star, the play seemed as contrived as a game show. There were some references to lesbianism for younger viewers, and the noises of a race-riot to add a little "relevance" to a play that might otherwise have passed as a social drama of a conventional, not to say outmoded, kind. A few references to fashionable restaurants and fashionable causes (if there is a difference) were not enough to guarantee authenticity.

Peter Ackroyd

Camden Jazz Week

John Surman
Logan Hall

John Surman had prepared several compositions which were models of inspiringly imaginative structure, but the core of the superb performance by his quintet at the opening concert of the 1984 Camden Jazz Week on Monday night was the intimate understanding which flowed between the participants.

Surman, Kenny Wheeler, John Taylor, Chris Laurence and John Marshall have worked together, on and off, for more than 15 years; in the process each has refined his style, moving away from mainstream American models towards genuine individuality. When they perform together, the effect of originality is multiplied.

Although the leader played one solo on soprano saxophone, so intense in its extreme vocalization that the audience roared approval, the music was at its most distinguished when Taylor and Laurence were conversing on piano and double bass. The pianist achieved in one brief but indelible linking passage the effect of figures drifting in a thin mist: his touch is so exquisite that he can make the instrument seem to catch its breath. Laurence, brilliantly sensitive, made effective use of the deep, rich growl provided by an extension to his instrument's lowest string.

Marshall's drums, and in particular a ride cymbal of uncommonly fine tone, set and triggered the sprung rhythms which kept the horn players on their toes. Surman's baritone saxophone produced the cries of some huge and exotic sea-bird; his bass clarinet moved with an appealing bandy-legged gait. On trumpet and flugelhorn Wheeler produced those slalom rides which dizzy the inner ear; the occasional use of a cornet seemed to slow his lines down to mortal pace, lending them, too, a fresher bloom.

Amina Claudine Myers, a pianist and singer from Chicago, preceded Surman with a set which displayed elements of the keyboard styles of Bud Powell and McCoy Tyner combined with a likable vocal approach located somewhere between Nina Simone and Roberta Flack. Although true originality was hard to detect, she was impressive in the gathering thunder of "Song For Mother E", built on a circular gospel-music phrase, and in the deceptive simplicity of "Straight to You", an altered blues in 6/4 spiced with the occasional five-beat bar. Her bassist, Thomas Parker, would probably have been more effective on an acoustic instrument, but the deft, discreet and propulsive contribution of her drummer, Reggie Nicholson, was beyond reproach.

Richard Williams

David Redfern

John Surman: intense vocalization

Dance

Imaginative achievement

Intimate Pages
Sadler's Wells

Christopher Bruce's ballet to Janáček's String Quartet No 2 had its London première on Monday, confirming me in the high opinion I formed of it when first given at Birmingham last month. This is an exigent score, with its strong patterns, deeply emotional quality and local colour: Bruce alone, of the choreographers I have seen tackle it, seems really to have come to grips with it. In return for his care and fidelity, the music has coaxed him to a rewarding level of imagination and achievement.

The content of the ballet is clearly related to the composer's life, as Bruce's programme note delicately hints, but the relationship of the central couple needs no biographical knowledge to understand. Bruce has developed it in a rich complexity of movement imagery (sinking, supporting, joining, parting, looking, touching) that makes everything clear and moving, an expression of feelings that many will share and almost all understand.

Watching it expressively played out by Frances Carty and Albert van Nierop, two of the most distinctive dancers in the company, I was struck by the similarity of Bruce's intentions, although not his methods, with what Antony Tudor was trying to do for Ballet Rambert 50 years ago, just as the company's other important choreographer, Richard Alston, parallels the young Ashton.

Both *Intimate Pages* and Robert North's popular, undemanding *Entre dos Aguas*, which opened the programme, suffer somewhat from the cramping effect of the Sadler's Wells proscenium arch, compared with the wider space of the stage at the Birmingham Rep where I first saw them. Bruce's protagonists, at one point, must have been out of sight from some seats when they moved to the side of the stage, and Walter Nobbe's splendidly brooding backcloth is not seen to full advantage. The long-desired adaptation of the Wells cannot come too soon.

The programme ended with Glen Tetley's production of Kokoschka's play *Murderer Hope of Women*. At its Edinburgh Festival première last autumn I gave my reasons for thinking it misconceived and bungled: enough said.

John Percival

Concerts

Vermeer Quartet
St John's/Radio 3

Haydn's Op 71 quartets were some of the first written for public chamber concerts in London. It was strangely ironic then, that in front of a large audience in St John's, Smith Square, at lunchtime on Monday, and to hundreds more listeners on Radio 3, the Vermeer Quartet should have presented such a particularly restrained and private performance of the first B flat major quartet.

The call to attention of the five opening notes, for example, the work's extrovert vitality, and its assertive, flourishing cadences, were all played down; the sound was clear and bright, the thinking lucid, the part-writing urbane, never once over-pressing its claims.

Much of this discretion undoubtedly filtered through from the leadership of Shmuel Ashkenasi. Both as soloist and chamber musician, he plays always with a sweet, infinite care which surfaced characteristically in his descant filigree to the opening of the second movement and in the finale's brilliant darting figuration. But here, this very attention to detail, so delightful and refreshing in itself, together with a reluctance to draw up for breath or to take stock where necessary, began to sap the music's impetus. It was a warning of what was to be in the Schubert A minor D804 Quartet.

This, quite properly, is one of Schubert's most intimate quartets; and intimacy, again, was clearly the Vermeer's intention. Volume was finely scaled down, but, without an inner intensity of timbre, of rhythm and of phrase tension, such reticence becomes counterproductive and merely ennervates both the work and its performance.

The first movement's *ma non troppo* applied, alas, to far more than the speed indication; the Andante lived by fitful bursts of artificial respiration; and the growth of conflict within the finale seemed merely superimposed, lacking nourishment from its roots. For all its sensitivity to nuance, its delicate balance of parts, this was a curiously bloodless performance, distinctive only in its pale fusion of predictable response and erratic wavering of energy.

Hilary Finch

London debuts

A graduate of the Paris Conservatoire, **Yoko B-Katayama** showed that instinct for Chopin so often found among Orientals in a strong and vivid account of the *Polonaise-Fantasie*. A poetic sensibility was also apparent in grandly phrased playing of the B minor Sonata, although she seemed overfond of spread chords in the opening movement and allowed the quaver triplets of the finale to lurch too much.

In Debussy's *Estampes* there was a well-judged sense of perspective in "Pagodes" and a subtly tinged pictorial impression in "Jardins sous la pluie", but "Soirée dans Grenade" was more effective for graded dynamics than feeling for the habanera rhythm. Her playing of Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin* persuaded this listener that there is actually more character in the piano version than in the composer's orchestration.

Accompanied by an impressive pedigree of studies, including five years with Jascha Heifetz (whose music assistant she has been in Los Angeles master classes), the violinist **Sherry Kloss** sounded surprisingly coarse in tone and suspect in intonation in her opening Beethoven Sonata (Op 12 No 1). Her indulgently romantic style was more suited to the surging grandiloquence of the Richard Strauss Sonata, with Gerald Robbins an attentive though sometimes characterless piano partner.

Belinda Corsi discovered that Weber's *Grand Duo concertant* is not the best opener for a clarinet programme when late-comers were distractingly drifting in between movements. Though agile in technique her playing was often raucous in tone with occasional snatching at the notes. Arthur Benjamin's *Le Tombeau de Ravel* had moments of suitably mechanical staccato playing, though both works (with David Mason at the piano) betrayed some immaturity of style.

The concert was shared with **Louise Geusebroek**, a pianist who needed more clarity of thought in her approach to Chopin's F minor Ballade, to avoid making it sound stilted and even inconsequential in places. Her playing of Ravel's *Jeux d'eau* was efficient though lacking the dynamics of perspective.

Noël Goodwin

John Drummond, former director of the Edinburgh Festival, assesses Adelaide

Philharmonia plants a grand milestone

On the Festival Plaza the silver windmills glitter in the relentless March sun. One of Australia's coolest summers is going out in a blaze of heat, reinforcing the slighly sleepy atmosphere of Adelaide itself. Only at night does the festival creep out from the shade and fill the city with activity, argument and fireworks.

It is just a year since Elijah Moshinsky, Director Designate for 1984, parted company with the board and the former director, Anthony Steel, already appointed for 1986, came back at a few months' notice to pull together the programme. The presence of 15 foreign and 27 Australian companies is a measure of his success and of the value of his previous experience of the city and its possibilities. From Moshinsky's plan, rejected largely on financial grounds, only the Australian tour of the Philharmonia Orchestra – remarkably, their first – and the Band of the Coldstream Guards survive. The proposed production of *Tristan and Isolde* was cancelled and, with just a few months to go, the State Opera of South Australia decided on Shostakovich's *Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District* in its place.

Adelaide has a strong tradition of outstanding festival opera productions, using largely native talent but often with overseas stiffening, like Moshinsky's notable 1982 production of *The Makropoulos Case* with Elisabeth Söderström. This year the whole enterprise is Antipodean. Beverley Bergen in the title role is from New Zealand, but everyone else is either Australian by birth or by choice. In geographical as well as psychological terms nowhere on earth feels more remote from pre-Revolutionary Russia than South Australia.

Surprisingly, in a country that boasts a large number of outstanding singers, the honours went to the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. Could this really be the group that a previous festival director described as unable to play in tune and unusable in the festival – a remark which cost him much support in the city? Under the direction of Patrick Thomas, who has recently given some impressive concerts with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, they played with real virtuosity. It is a cruel score, eclectic, witty, grotesque, a scrap book of a young composer's aural ambitions. I could find no weakness.

The problems – for problems there were – lay elsewhere. Peter Cook, the designer, devised an elegant and effective series of lattice screens and skeleton houses, like the timbered ghost of a Russian town, marred only by one interminable scene change before the final Siberian denouement. The costumes however were pure school play. The director, John Tasker, seemed uncertain where the true emphasis of the opera lay, and indeed the balance between erotic emotion and ironic comedy is hard to gauge. His primary failing was to make only too visually explicit those sexual elements that are so graphically represented in the score.

The results were risible and, together with the bathos of Edward Downes's translation, produced laughter from the audience at just the point where passion should have prevailed. The production substituted caricature for irony and the intensity of Beverley Bergen's Katerina Ismailova kept on being dissipated by the surroundings.

The intentional disproportion between these ordinary people and their grand emotional gestures always unbalances the drama and prevents either element telling to the full. But what a score! And what a tragedy that Shostakovich never went on to write the remaining operas in his planned trilogy on Russian women. The reasons why are only too well known and resurface also in Adelaide in the first Australian production of David Pownall's *Master Class*. Here is the monster Stalin himself, smashing both gramophone records and the confidence of the composer for the good of the people: a flawed play but a fascinating juxtaposition. And, interleaved between the opera performances, the emigré Russian Vladimir Ashkenazy was providing daily illustration of what the Soviet Union still sacrifices in its persistent desire to bring art into line with bureaucracy.

Ashkenazy and the Philharmonia Orchestra, in a sequence of six concerts, played all nine Beethoven symphonies and the five piano concertos conducted from the keyboard. A Beethoven cycle may seem unremarkable in London or Manchester. It was a milestone in music-making in Australia. Sold out long before the festival began, it emerged as a massive musical rock in a plain of barely adequate drama.

I admired particularly the thoughtful, attentive contribution of the orchestra to the inevitable problems of conductorless concertos. The slow movement of the First Concerto became chamber music on the highest level. Ashkenazy's Beethoven is all light and energy. Not for him the soul-searching of a Klemperer or the awesome simplicity of a Haitink. Fast tempi, bright colours: everything seemed to be *con brio*. Much was inevitably missing, but the finale of the Seventh Symphony, taken at a breakneck speed, arrived home without disaster and rightly drew the audience to their feet in genuine delight. Real festival stuff.

Theatre

The Set-Up
Gate

Alexander Sukhovo-Kobylin's *The Death of Tarelkin* (to give its usual title) keeps cropping up in reference books and sounds intriguing: a farcical indictment of Tsarist corruption and brutality by a man who spent seven years being imprisoned and tortured for a crime he did not commit. Written in 1869, it was not staged until 1900; its author, then 83, fell victim to the censorshop that had bedevilled Pushkin and Gogol.

It had never been seen in England, and in a sense I feel I still have not seen it. Russian comedy so often seems to remain in a foreign language after translation, and this version (uncredited) is a useless mixture of musty colloquialisms ("You damned chatterbox, you can go to Hell") and translationese. Is "languish to death" English? Come to that, is it Russian?

Anticipating *Sizwe Banzi is Dead* by a hundred years, the penniless clerk Tarelkin (Paul Bradley) assumes the identity of a respectable dead neighbour and announces his own demise. His happy freedom then ceases abruptly when he finds he has lost both identities, both being officially dead.

This promising start could have led in a number of directions. Disappointingly, Sukhovo-Kobylin opts for a police inspector convinced that the suspect is a vampire, and discussions about turning into objects. There is the usual succession of pompous bureaucrats with jokey names, the usual chain of bribes from the ever-ravenous inspector to the superior officer expecting 100 roubles.

These cartoon characters offer the actors nothing, but Nick Shearman's production, putting them in dead white or florid make-up, is a model of precision in staging and timing. After the suitably absurd charge-room double-act by Duncan Faber and Paul Alexander, the finale is impressive: the tormented Mr Bradley bartering the vital evidence of his boss's corruption for a glass of water, given back his false identity as a favour, and decaying into an ingratiating rural capitalist. But the case for the play rests unproven.

Anthony Masters

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THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lawson directs the last British picture show?

The British film industry is a bit like a stately home: it is nice to have one but it is expensive to maintain. For the last five years the industry has been fighting for the right to receive 100 per cent first year capital allownaces. The battle now seems to be lost with the Chancellor's Budget decision to phase out first year allowances. The film industry is hurt, financially and personally. With some justice: it was only last year that Mr Nicholas Ridley, then Financial Secretary to the Treasury, announced that the transitional provisions in the 1982 Finance Act granting the film industry 100 per cent first year allownaces were to be extended on the 1983 Finance Act until March 31, 1987.

The Inland Revenue is clearly unmoved by the *Chariots of Fire*, Local Hero and Oscars-for-all school of thought and its line is essentially "Well that's showbusiness". If the Chancellor cannot be persuaded to have second thoughts before the 1984 Finance Bill is drafted, the scene is set for lights, sound and action on what could be the last picture show.

Mr Ken Maidment, president of the British Film and Television Producers Association, is furious. He is concerned that the number of British films will now decline, although films already in production should not be affected.

His view is endorsed by accountants. Arthur Andersen who also point out the wider implications for the Cable TV industry. "The British film industry may now attract substantial investment over the next two years before the first year allowances are phased out. However, in the long term, investment will be adversely affected. Lack of investment could damage a vital source of programming for cable operators particularly in view of the requirement to show programmes of EEC origin".

Adding up to boom time

Strong evidence of the Anglo-American boom came yesterday from the government statisticians on both sides of the Atlantic. Although the US figures look more spectacular, the British economy was probably growing more strongly at the turn of the year than the American.

The British publish figures for gross domestic product, Americans for gross national product (which includes net transfers from abroad). The really important difference lies in the American habit of publishing quarterly figures at an annual rate, and making early, or "flash" guesses at growth even before the end of the quarter. For January-March this year, the "Flash" figure, a very flashy growth rate of 7.2 per cent appears to outclass the British figure published on the same day: a gdp growth rate of 1.6 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1983. However, that British growth figure, nearly 6½ per cent at an American-style annual rate, is comfortably above the final American figure of 5 per cent gnp growth in the last quarter of 1983. So the two economies appear to be speeding neck-and-neck.

Once the figures are taken apart, some highly significant differences emerge. The British figure is very much an average, calculated from three measures of output, income and expenditure. In theory, these three ways of adding up gdp should give the same answer. In practice, the three answers have been moving farther and farther apart. By the fourth quarter of 1983, the expenditure measure of gdp was 8 per cent higher than in the pit of the slump; the output measure only a miserable 2¾ per cent. So while growth in the expenditure measure proved strong enough to drag the average above its previous peak (registered in 1979) for the first time, the output measure is still lower than when Mrs Thatcher took office.

The flash American gnp figure upset US bonds yesterday. By mid-morning in New York, the US long bond, Treasury 12 per cent 2013, was down ⅞ at 95⅜. Futures were also flat. Administration officials moved quickly to dispel fears that the economy was in danger of overheating. Mr Martin Feldstein, head of the US Council of Economic Advisers, observed that "the economy is on a powerful roll, but I am not worried about overheating, because a large part of the increased output is going into inventory accumulation. Price pressures remain under control"

Credit markets now expect the Federal Reserve Board to tighten monetary policy. Mr Paul Volcker, the Fed, chairman, has said repeatedly in recent weeks that the US economy cannot sustain a 6 to 7 per cent growth rate without rekindling inflation. Last night, the US Trust Company raised its broker loan rate to 11 per cent from 10¾ per cent with immediate effect, as the Fed funds rate rose to an average of 10¼ per cent from 10.07 per cent.

Markets will face a test of confidence very shortly over the Administration's mini-refunding package. Imminent late last night was news of the $15 billion – plus package, which is expected to involve the sale of 4-and-7-year notes, plus 20-year bonds.

High-speed North Sea doubts

Whitehall is buzzing with heated argument between the Treasury, the Department of Energy and the British Gas Corporation over whether or not British Gas should be allowed to import some £20 billion of neww gas supplies from Norway from the 1990s onwards. The deal is being held up, rightly, by considerable Treasury doubts about the wisdom of committing the country to such an important deal before the considerable strategic and macro-economic implications have been thought through.

Some of the arguments against the deal are rehearsed in a pamphlet by a Bow Group economist, Mr Rodney Atkinson, published yesterday. He points out that the deal will commit Britain to an annual balance of payments burden of £1,500m a year in the 1990s just as the contribution from North Sea oil exports is beginning to decline. The deal could also stifle hopes of developing new British gas fields in the southern North Sea by effectively extending British Gas's *de facto* monopoly grip over indigenous gas supplies.

Mr Atkinson calculates that the Government stands to lose £500m of tax revenue for every trillion cubic feet of reserves that are not developed in this way; official estimates are that there are 33 trillion cubic feet of undeveloped reserves on the UK Continental Shelf, so the potential loss is huge. An upsurge in gas development activity would also lead to thousands of new jobs and profit opportunities here. Like the oil companies he believes that the only way to establish a true market value for our offshore gas is to allow gas exports, a move that would have the added strategic advantage of tying us directly into the European gas pipeline network.

The argument is complex. British Gas makes the valid point for example that it would be rash to develop all our indigenous gas supplies as fast as we could if the result was to leave the country with the "reentry problems" of suddenly having to switch back to total reliance on imports. It doubts whether there is as much gas in the UK Continental Shelf as the oil companies say. It believes – correctly – that gas consumers have done well out of Britain underpricing its gas over the last 20 years.

What is clear, however, is that there is no logic or consistency in the widely different way that Britain goes about depleting its oil and gas reserves.

White Paper for protection of investors likely this year

By Our City Staff

As the Stock Exchange Council met yesterday to consider far-reaching proposals for the future structure and regulation of the stock market, it became clear that the Government is determined to force the pace of change in the City.

While the Department of Trade and Industry is satisfied with the progress made so far, it intends to crystallize the Gower Report on investor protection and the City's response to it into a White Paper by the end of the year.

The workings of Whitehall demand that a preliminary but clear view be taken of the main issues before Parliament rises for the summer recess. An Investor Protection Bill could be introduced in the 1985-86 session, not long after the stock market takes the plunge into freely negotiated commissions.

The arrival of the clearing banks on the stock market, through plans for taking 29 per cent stakes in leading jobbing and broking firms, marks the completion of what is regarded as stage one in the transformation of the Stock Exchange. The market is now prepared to handle the influx of other outsiders.

Yesterday the Stock Exchange Council also began considering on what terms outsiders will be allowed to become insiders.

One of the more radical proposals in the Stock Exchange 'green paper' on its changes is to switch from offering membership to individuals to offering membership to firms via corporate 'seats'.

These seats would be a tradeable commodity, but anyone wanting to deal would have to pay a high price to gain entry. No clear decision has yet been taken and the allocation of "seats" is still under debate.

As it stands, the seats would go to existing members. One senior stockbroker said at the weekend that after the big bang; when fixed commissions are abolished, it is likely that Stock Exchange member firms will be allowed to have to be owned outright by a single outside shareholder.

The caveat now emerging is that to do so would mean the outside would have to buy the Stock Exchange seat first.

Quite separately, the exchange is likely to ask the Government for legislation to impose a price reporting legislation on those market makers or agents who remain non-members. Price would have to be logged with an exchange-controlled register.

Close observers say that together these measures are an attempt to keep a special circle of securities dealers and market makers inside the Stock market, making it as difficult as possible for outsiders to break in.

The exchange council yesterday spent three and a quarter hours going through the 66-page report seeking clarification on a number of points. A further meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, after which the paper will be issued to its 4,200 members for discussion, with a debate in May and some firm proposals on how the Stock Exchange sees its future emerging in June.

This timetable would link into that informally agreed within the Department of Trade and Industry to deal with legislation on the Gower Report

Government sources say, submissions by the Stock Exchange will not merely be accepted without question. The issue of establishing a "seat" allocation exchange is unlikely to meet with immediate approval.

Independent Cazenove

Cazenove & Co, among the City's most conservative stockbrokers, yesterday gave a hint that it wished to remain independent for as long as possible.

Despite new partnerships emerging as part of the City changes, Cazenove has set up an international dealership all of its own.

Cazenove Securities will be wholly owned by Cazenove & Co and will act as a principal, matching share deals on overseas securities from April 9 and taking a position in a particular stock only, if it feels that the order could be matched in another market.

Mr John Kemp-Welch, Cazenove's senior partner, said last night: "It will not go out aggressively making two-way prices in an enormous number of overseas securities."

Shares at new peak

Share prices rebounded with a vengeance yesterday, as the *FT* Index came within a whisker of the important 900 mark, leaping 14.5 to 897.6 – its highest level ever.

Government securities recovered earlier falls of up to 25p, to close almost unchanged on the day.

Sterling closed 70 points lower at $1.4375 against a firm dollar yesterday and also lost ground against other leading currencies. It slipped half a pfennig against the Deutschemark to 3.7925

The dollar rose as high as DM 2.64 in European trading and closed up 1 pfennig at DM 2.6365.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1123.3 up 13.6
High: 1125.1; Low: 1110.0
FT Index: 897.6 up 14.5
FT Gilts: 83.15 up 0.05
Bargains: 26,448
Datastream USM Leaders
Index: 111.35 down 0.01
New York: Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1171.38 down 12.98
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index Closed
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1169.12 down; 1.23
Amsterdam: 168.3 down 0.6
Sydney: AO Index 731.9 down 3.9
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1032.3 up 0.1
Brussels: General Index 144.97 down 0.5

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.4375 down 70pts
Index 80.6 down 0.2
DM 3.7925 down 0.0050
FrF 11.6750 down 0.01
Yen 325.0 down 1.0
Dollar
Index 127.2 unchanged
DM 2.6365 up 0.0103
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4405
Dollar DM 2.6330
INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.590113
SDR £0.733537

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 8½
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 8¾ - 9
3 month interbank 8⅞ - 8¾
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10½ - 10⅜
3 month DM 5[13]/16 - 5[11]/16
3 month Fr F 15¼ - 15
US rates
Bank prime rate 11.50
Fed funds 10[5]/16
Treasury long bond 95¾ - 95[11]/16
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period February 8 to March 6, 1984 inclusive: 9.373 per cent.

Bio-Isolates 'set for US joint venture'

By Andrew Cornelius

Bio-Isolates, the controversial Welsh Bio-Technology group quoted on the USM, announced plans yesterday for expansion into the lucrative American health-foods market.

The company, whose shares peaked at 450p before falling back to a current low of 63p, also promised a statement this summer on ambitious expansion plans.

The chairman, Mr Douglas Palmer, said at the annual meeting in Swansea that the group expected to sign a $3m agreement this week to build a production plant in the US to manufacture BIPRO its protein extract product.

Mr Palmer said it was planned to set up a 50-50 venture to manufacture BIPRO with a US health foods company.

Bio-Isolates will build the plant and provide technical expertise, leaving the marketing of BIPRO, a protein extract from the cheesemeking process, to the American company. The aim will be to attack the US protein health food market worth $100m a year.

Company representatives later explained that the US venture could be the first of a series of joint ventures aimed at exploiting Bio-Isolates' expertise.

Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, and James Capel, the stockbrokers, have been appointed as advisors to help improve the company's image, tarnished after the shares rose from 33p, at the time of the company's placing in July 1982, to 450p before falling back to a low of 63p.

The company and its advisors hope to exploit the potential of BIPRO and will be announcing a number of new products at the Healthex health food exhibition in Brighton next month, including a high-protein fruit drink, with BIPRO added makes it a "food-in-a-drink", low-fat cakes, and low-fat pastry.

By July, the group will be ready to announce ambitious expansion plans.

Talbot chief for Inchcape

By Clifford Webb and Philip Robinson

Mr George Turnbull, the chairman and managing director of Talbot Motors UK, is to be the new managing director of the Inchape Group.

The announcement coincides with news of Talbot's first annual profit for 10 years.

Mr Turnbull, aged 57, the key figure in boardroom changes by Sir David Orr, Inchape's chairman, has extensive experience in the motor industry, the Middle East and Far East.

"I didn't hire him just a a motor man," Sir David said last night from Rotterdam. "I brought him in for the benefit of his international business experience. He did a splendid job with Talbot but I think I found it rather limiting. I cannot tell you what he will be paid."

Mr Turnbull will start in September, replacing Mr Peter Foxon who is to retire.

Inchcape has extensive interests in car distribution in this country and overseas, including Toyota GB, the UK concession for Japan's biggest motor manufacturer.

George Turnbull: steered Talbot into profit

Mr Turnbull is the current president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the industry's premier trade body and spokesman.

He baegan his career in the industry as deputy chariman of Standard Triumph before it became part of British Leyland.

He was appointed managing director of British Leyland in 1973 but after a series of confrontations with the then chairman, Lord Stokes, and his chief executive Mr John Barber, he left the company late in 1973.

It is ironic that the stand he made against the increasing centralisation of British Leyland was later endorsed by Sir Michael Edwardes and put into operation during his five years as chairman of BL.

Mr Turnbull then spent three years in South Korea as Vice-president of the Hyundai motor company, helping to build an embryo motor industry.

He joined Chrysler U.K. as chairman in January 1979, soon after it was purchased by Peugeot and later renamed Talbot. Late last year he announced he would not be renewing his contract when it expired at the end of this month.

● Talbot Motors UK declared its first annual profit for 10 years, announced that another former BL executive, Mr Geoffrey Whalen, Talbot's assistant managing director, is to suceed Mr Turnbull as chief executive.

Talbot, made a trading profit of £18m and a net profit of £3.1m last year, compared with a net loss of £54.7m in 1982 and a massive £300m loss over the previous four years.

Burton to woo older women

By Jonathan Clare

The Burton Group, one of the most successful fashion retailers in the high street, is gearing up for a bigger share of the market in womenswear for over 30s.

Demographic changes will put more disposable income into the hands of women in this age group and Burton intends to expand its Peter Robinson chain from three to 250 stores to meet the demand.

Mr Michael Wood, Burton's financial director, said yesterday he expeced to have completed plans by the time the full-year results are announced in November.

Burton, which already trades from larger than average shops, is acquiring more big stores, especially for its Dorothy Perkins branches. Womenswear is also being sold experimentally through 30 of the traditional Burton menswear branches. The group is also considering setting up a chain of perfume shops.

The half-year results announced yesterday show profits up by 45 per cent form £18.1m to £26.1m, about what the City expected. Mr Ralph Halpern, chairman, said the improvement had come across the board. The group's high street names include Burton, Jackson, Top Man, Dorothy Perkins, Top Shop, Evans (which has not dropped the "Outsize" from its name). Peter Robinson and the recently acquired Fenton. Fenton, bought for £3.5m from Combined English Stores three months ago, contributed 2 per cent to the 40 per cent sales increase in menswear.

Margins increased slightly, against expectations, from 12.6 per cent to 12.7 per cent.

The interim dividend has been increased from 1.55p (adjusted) to 2p.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New suitor for Sharpe

A mystery suitor is poise to enter the battle for control of W N Sharpe, the Bradford-based greeting cards group. Octopus Publishing Group, which has already declared its interest in bidding held talks with Sharpe yesterday.

The moment the two sides began to discuss price it became apparent that which is using Hill Samuel as advisor, was prepared to offer more and a formal announcement that talks with a third party were going on was released to the Stock Exchange.

● **Oil consumption** in Britian dropped by almost 3 million tonnes last year compared with 1982, and by 34 per cent compared with 1973, according to the Institute of Petroleum.
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● **The Spanish Government** said yesterday it would dispose of its shareholdings in HOTASA, the second largest group of resort and commercial hotels in Spain. Formal offers must be in by June 6.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $393.70 pm $393.85
close $392.75-393.25 (£273.25-273.25)
New York (latest): $393.00
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$404.50-406 (£281.50-282.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$92-93 (£64-64.75)
*Excludes VAT

Kleinwort finishes in profit despite halfway doubts

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Kleinwort, Benson, Lonsdale, one of the City's biggest merchant banks, reported a rise in disclosed profits after tax and transfers to inner reserves from £20m to £21.7m in 1983.

At the half-way stage Kleinwort was predicting lower profits for the year, but it has done better than it expected despite a flat performance from its bullion dealing subsidiary, Sharps, Piley, and higher bad debt provisions. The year's dividends are being increased by 9.1 per cent to 12p.

County Bank, National Westminster's merchant banking subsidiary, also disclosed its 1983 profits yesterday, showing a 10 per cent gain to £11.2m before tax. Total assets increased from £1.3 billion to £1.5 billion.

County Bank has already emerged as a participant in the shake-up under way in the securities industry. It put forward the idea of National Westminster forging a link with stockjobber Bisgood, Bishop, and National Westminster's expansion into the securities industry will be centred around County Bank, which is already active in international capital markets.

Having acquired market-making skills with Bisgood, Bishop, County Bank's next step will be to strengthen its sales and research capability. However, Mr Charles Villiers, chief executive of County Bank, said no decision had been taken on whether to buy a stockbroker.

Insurance group chairman rejects 'financial supermarket' concept

Willis Faber goes against the trend

By Jeremy Warner

Willis Faber, the insurance broking group, yesterday ruled itself out of the race among City firms for diversification in financial services.

"We do not believe that the interests of shareholders, clients or employees are best served by aiming to become a conglomerate offering a comprehensive range of services as a 'financial supermarket'", said Mr David Palmer, the chairman.

"Such a strategy may be appropriate for services directed towards the individual consumer but we believe our continuing success depends on our ability to provide professional insurance, reinsurance, risk management and underwriting services for corporate clients throughout the world."

Willis Faber already has strong links with Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, in which it holds a 24 per cent share interest. Last year, this interest accounted for just over £6m of the group's profits, against £4.4m the year before.

Total group pretax profits rose 24 per cent from £30.8m to £38.3m, helped by the strong dollar and the consolidation of Carter, Wilkes & Fane, the reinsurance broker acquired in April 1982. The future is being viewed with "confidence and enthusiasm" and a final dividend of 15p is being recommended, the total for the year by a fifth to 21p.

"We are not seeking an acquisition nor do we wish to diversify," said Mr Palmer. However, the group is seeking to expand its presence in important overseas markets.

"We cannot just sit here in London waiting for business to come to us, in the way we used to."

A question mark hangs over the future of the group's retail business in Britain. it is being watched carefully by senior directors and unless an improvement materialises, the group will be seeking to increase revenue through charging higer commissions or reduce costs by cutting the service to customers.

Suter bids £13.4m in fight for Francis

By Jonathan Clare

Suter, the refrigeration company turned round by Mr David Abell, has finally lost patience with Francis Industries and gone ahead with a contested bid which values the engineering company at £13.4m.

The two sides have been negotiating for a recommended bid since the New Year after Suter's acquisition of a 7 per cent stake in September.

Suter's merchant bank, Robert Fleming, said yesterday that it was still waiting for promised information, including a 1984 profits forecast, from Francis. "We just felt we had been talking for long enough."

Details of an agreed bid had been expected with Suter's results, announced last week, which showed a £2.2m profit against last time's £1.3m loss.

Francis said yesterday that some information had already been passed to Suter and more was due to be made available this week. It says the new information will include the profits forecast "which will demonstrate the inadequacy of Suter's bid."

However, the profits forecast could now be used as part of Francis's defence document rather than being published immediately.

Francis's chairman, Mr D M "Sandy" Saunders said: "I'm quite confident we can persuade them to raise their offer when they see what we can produce in 1984. I will be talking to David Abell within the next few days...it all comes back to price."

Suter's bid values Francis shares at 120p against the market price of 121p with a cash alternative of 115p. The terms are one Suter share and 95p in cash for every two Francis shares.

Francis produces drums, gearbox parts and moulded components for the motor industry.

Destocking hits Tomatin's hopes for recovery

By Jeremy Warner

Tomatin Distillers continued to lose money heavily last year and the recovery in trading fortunes during 1984 which the group expected at the time a £3m rescue package was put together a year ago may be further delayed until 1985.

The Inverness based whisky company, which owns Scotland's largest malt distillery, lost £1.5m last year against just over £2m in 1982. This time round there was no cereal refund from the EEC to cushion the impact of the trading losses so the deficit attributable to sharholders was rather higher than in 1982. Attributable losses were £1.5m against £776,000 in 1982.

Mr Anthony de Boer, chairman, said that because whisky exports fell in 1983, the upturn in whisky sales expected in 1984 may be further delayed until the year after.

Tomatin makes most of its whisky for use by other distillers and has been severely affected by industry destocking over the last four years.

The unexpected 9.4 per cent fall in Scotch export sales last year has caused another bout of stock readjustment in the industry further delaying the expected improvement at Tomatin.

Mr Peter Wright, said that as a result of the £3m of rescue finance provided by a consortium last March, the group could weather another year of losses comparable to those of 1983. However, if an upturn failed to materialize in 1985, Tomatin could be in difficulties. The group has once more decided against paying a dividend.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	8½%
Barclays	8¼%
BCCI	8½%
Citibank Savings	†10¾%
Consolidated Crds	9%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*8½%
Lloyds Bank	8½%
Midland Bank	8½%
Nat Westminster	8½%
TSB	8½%
Williams & Glyn's	8½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 5¾%: £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¼%: £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

MARKET REPORT ● by Michael Clark

Budget shadow over banks

Speculation that Britain's big four clearing banks will soon be joining the rights issue queue to compensate for the extra deferred tax provision levelled against them in the Budget was heightened yesterday.

The leading stockbroking firm of Laing & Cruickshank has roughly doubled its initial estimate of the amount of extra tax the banks will have to pay to compensate for the changes made last week in corporate taxation. Laing reckons the "big four" will be forced to make provisions of between £1.4 billion and £1.7 billion. Analyst Mr John Tyce gives a warning that this will have a big impact on balance sheets and will overshadow bank shares for some time. "It will increase the chances of a rights issue from one, or more, of the banks," he said.

Yesterday the banks all enjoyed modest gains, but failed tojoin in the euphoria being enjoyed in the rest of the equity market and closed below their best levels of the day. **Barclays** rose 5p to 524, after 527p, **Lloyds** 3p to 582p, after 584p, **Midalan** 5p to 387p, after 389p and **National Westminster** 3p to 652p.

The rest of the equity market bounced back with a vengeance and came within a whisker of breaching the all-important 900 level as the buyers flooded back in to the market. Many jobbers still desperately short of stock panicked and were forced to mark shares sharply higher. Turnover was well short of the £500m reached last week, but remained brisk despite the overnight setback on Wall Street, where the latest ½ per cent rise in prime rates dominates sentiment.

Once again most of the activity was centred on blue chips and enabled the *FT* Index to close at its high for the day, 14.5 up to a record 897.6, while the *FT-SE* 100 rose 13.6 to 1123.3. Dealers are confident that the market will continue to rise.

There were several large lines of stock around, but most were placed easily. A line of one million shares in **BAT Industries** were placed at around the 205p level, and the share recovered to close 6p up at 211p. Around 500,000 shares in Ultramar were placed, leaving the price 5p higher at 714p, after 719p.

C. H. Beazer, the building company, has confirmed its intention to float off its subsidiary W & J Tod on the USM. The broker L. Messel, is placing 1.6 million shares at 143p in Tod, the world leader in manufacturing sonar domes for ships, submarines and helicopters, capitalizing it at £6.6m. Over the past five years pretax profits have grown from £136,000 to £375,000 and for the year to June 30, Tod is forecasting £540,000 where the prospective lc is 21.

Philips has also sold 2.5 million shares in **Cambridge Electronic Industries** at 337p. The shares, representing around 7 per cent of Cambridge's equity, were placed by broker Cazenove with a number of institutions, clipping 3p from the price at 348p. The sale has reduced Philips' stake from 17 to 10 per cent of the total.

Gilts recovered from a nervous start to end all-square on the day after losses of up to £¼ were reported at the longer end of the market.

Cable and Wireless leapt 20p to 380p after winning control of Hong Kong Telephone recently. Brokers Scrimgeour Kemp Gee are said to have re-rated the company in the wake of the acquisition, but were last night unavailable for comment.

Shares of AE slipped 1½p to 96p, still awaiting the findings of the Monopolies Commission's report into the bid from GKN, up 5p at 214p. AE has changed its mind several times about accepting the bid, and at the count had decided to fight it.

Elsewhere, the life insurance sector encountered a few cheap buyers ahead of the reporting season, but demand proved selective. **Britannic**, reporting later today, rose 12p to 448p, **Equity & Law** 2p to 712p, **Hambro Life** 13p to 411p after 415p, **Legal & General** 3p to 476p, **Pearl Assurance** 2p to 732p, **Prudential** 3p to 436p, **Refuge Assurance** 5p to 436p, and **Sun Life** 2p to 585p.

The big American arbitragers were again active among several of our big blue chips. **Hawker Siddeley** up 14p at 424p, **Lucas Industries**, 7p to 227p, **ICI**, 6p to 618p, **Glaxo**, 5p to 855p, and **GEC**, 3p to 207p, were among those stocks singled out for attention by the Americans. Other big gains were seen in **TI Group**, 10p to 294p, **Tate & Lyle**, 5p to 408p, **Thorn EMI**, 5p to 694p, and **Unilever** 8p to 943p.

The broker Laing & Cruickshank will soon issue a review of the newly created Charterhouse J Rothschild, accurately reflecting the contribution from the Rothschild Unterberg Towbin operation in New York. Laing reckons a 33 per cent return from RUT should yeild Charterhouse £33m in 1984 and could stretch to £28m helped by a buoyant Wall Street. For 1983 Charterhouse is expected to produce £56m against a combined £48.7m and should be capable of £70m in the current year. Laing says the shares, up 2p at 123p yesterday, should be bought on weakness.

Readicut International advanced 1½p to 33½p after Mr Joe Hyman announced he had increased his stake in the company to 13 per cent.

Rentokil was unchanged at 138p, despite announcing pretax profits up from £117.1m to £20.5m on turnover up from £111.8m to £125m in 1983. The dividend has been increased from 10.25 per cent to 11.75 per cent.

W Canning celebrated almost a doubling of pretax profits to £1.5m in 1983 with a fall of 3p to 111p. Shareholders will receive a dividend of 2.5p compared with 1.75p last time. Around 12 per cent of the company has changed hands recently, and the board has now formulated contingency plans in case of an unwanted bid.

Pyke (Holdings), the food retailer, held steady at 196p as the TR Trustees Corp increased its holding to 200,000 shares, 5.16 per cent of the issued capital. Over on Harvard's Over-the-Counter Market, shares of **Bleasdale Computers**, the latest member of Harvard's Business Expansion Scheme, made an encouraging start after being seven times oversubscribed. The shares offered at 25p opened at 39p – a premium of 14p. Around 600,000 of the 2.4million shares issued chaged hands yesterday.

This week's newcomer to the full market, **Systems Reliability**, continued to advance after Monday's spectacular debut. The two million shares offered by broker Phillips & Drew at 270p encountered early profit-taking, sliding to 445p, but quickly rebounded along with the rest of the market to close at 460p – a premium of 190p. Investors ploughed £685m into the issue, which was more than 90 times oversubscribed.

Equity turnover on March 19 was £414.502m (28,641 bargains). The number of British and Irish stocks traded amounted to 222.1 million with gilt bargains totalling 3,660.

MONEY MARKETS

A shortage of £350m meant a lack of suitable paper for the discount houses to sell to the authorities. To relieve the situation, the Bank of England arranged purchase and resale agreements to a total of £213m, negotiated at interest rates from 8⁹⁄₁₆ to 8⅝ per cent. They will mature on April 3. There is now a total of £2.8 billion bills in the hands of the authorities, due to be repurchsed by the market over the next couple of weeks. About £130m of this comes back to the market today.

Meanwhile, the Bank lifted total assistance to £322m with outright bill purchases of £94m and late additional assistance of £15m.

Interbank opened on 8¾ to 8¹¹⁄₁₆ per cent, and stayed there throughout the morning. Lunchtime saw an easier inclination for a spell, but at the close it was around 9 to 8 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar recovered from early uncertainty to finish well ahead at the expense of other leading currencies.

Speculation that yet higher US prime rates could be on the cards gave fresh impetus to the US currency. The present strength of federal fund rates and the afternoon's hoist in US trust broker loan-rate to 11 per cent from 10¾ per cent provided fresh spur for the dollar.

Earlier in the afternoon a bigger than expected hoist in the indicated US gnp helped support the dollar, which was sagging a little after some profit-taking.

Sterling continued to lose ground on further consideration of the widened differentials between British and US interest rates.

At the close the pound showed a 70 point fall at 1.4375, while its trade weighted index slipped to 80.6 from 80.8.

WALL STREET

Dow loses early gain as trading slows

New York (AP–Dow Jones) – Shares were losing by mid-morning on Wall Street yesterday after making early gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.73 at 1172.11. It was up more than three points earlier. Advancing issues had a slim lead over declines.

The trading pace has slowed. Mr William Lefevre, vice president for Investment Strategy at Purcell Graham, said that "the market moved up this morning despite the higher-than-expected GNP figure."

"Among factors affecting the market," Mr Levevre said, "were such things as the Fed Chairman, Mr Paul Volcker, indicating that down the road corporate borrowings for expansion will build and could clash with the Treasury's borrowing needs."

A problem with the present proposals on the deficit, Mr Lefevre said was that they cover future years. "We need to see a serious move to cut the deficit for this year," he said.

General Electric was unchanged at 53; **Exxon** was up ⅛ at 38¾; **International Business Machines** down ⅛ at 113⅝; **General Motors** down ⅜ at 66½; **Merck** unchanged at 92¾; **NCR** down ¼ at 113; **Texas Instruments** up ⅜ to 133⅞; **Air Products** up ⅛ at 41¾ and **Federal Express** up ⅞ at 33⅝. **Motorola** was 114 down 1; **Monsanto** 94 up ⅜; **AMR** 33 up ⅛; **Chicago Milwaukee** 114 up 1½; **Jonathan Logan** 28⅝ up 1¾; **Walt Disney** 60 up 1¼; **Digital Equipment** 91¼ down ⅛ and **Sears Roebuck** 33¾ off ⅛.

	Mar 19	Mar 16
AMF Inc	14	14
AMR	34	34
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* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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Economic commentary by Tim Congdon

Lawson's surprise in Annex 4

The details of Mr Lawson's first Budget have been accorded such an enthusiastic reception that an important statement of the Government's future approach to fiscal policy has been little discussed. This neglect is perhaps not surprising because the statement is buried in an obscure part of the Green Paper on *The Next Ten Years: Public Expenditure and Taxation into the 1990s*. It needs to be dug up and examined.

Paragraph 56 projects the ratio of public borrowing to output (PSBR/GDP) in future years and notes that after 1984/85, "net of debt interest, little or no underlying change in the PSBR is assumed." It continues, "on this basis, the tax burden for the non-North Sea sector can be reduced to the extent that public expenditure falls more than North Sea tax revenues as a share of GDP."

This sounds complicated, but its meaning is clear. The Government does not in future intend to reduce the PBSR by tax increases.

Furhermore, any success in public expenditure control will lead to tax cuts, not to a fall in the PSBR/GDP ratio.

The remarks about debt interest and North Sea revenues confuse the issue a little, but the essential message is unambiguous. The Government regards the difficult and unpopuar phase in its budgetary programme as complete. The emphasis in coming years will be on tax cuts and giving incentives to the supply side of the economy instead of reinforced budgetary restraint and inflation control.

In particular, the Government is not planning to have a balanced budget at any stage on any definition of the public sector's financial position. There is a great deal of material in Annex 4 explaining how, if everything works out all right with the PSBR, inflation and interest rates, the ratio of debt interest to GDP will decline over the next decade. This decline, rather than restraint over public expenditure proper, may allow the PSBR/GDR ration to drop to 1 per cent by 1993/94. Since the London Business School has argued that a 1 per cent figure is the maximum consistent with long-run price stability, the Government can claim to have at least thought about a strategy for eliminating inflation.

As a strategy, it is clever, theoretical and unconvincing. The delcine in the debt interest/GDP ratio rests on assumptions about real interest rates coming down to "more mormal levels" as inflation falls. This is just wishful guesswork. More fundamentally, why has the analysis been relegated to Annex 4 of the Green Paper? Mr Lawson is well aware that few people read the Budget documents in full.

Perhaps it is the very seclusion and complexity of the work on long-run fiscal policy which give the answer to these questions. Mr Lawson's medium-term financial strategy (MTFS), as set out in the *Financial Statement and Budget Report*, envisages a more or less stable inflation rate and PSBR/GDP ratio between 1984/85 and 1988/89. But Annex 4 of the Green Paper makes conjectures about a PSBR/GDP ratio of only 1 per cent and further reductions in inflation in the early 1990s. There seems to be a break about 1988, probably the year of the next general election.

PUBLIC BORROWING AS A PERCENTAGE OF OUTPUT*

*Public Sector Borrowing Requirement as a percentage of GDP at market prices. Treasury projections.

2.7 | 1.9 | 9.6 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.0

65 70 75 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 93
Financial years starting

The conclusion must be that political decision has been taken to consilidate on the financial front for the next four years and resume the anti-inflation programme in earnest after that, if the Government has the chance. Mr Lawson's rhetoric about sound finance, honest money and stable process was a smokescreen behind which the Government has changed course or, at least, embarked on a diversion which will lengthen the journey to its ultimate destination.

There are some obvious political motives for this shift. The first is to neutralize opposition from the "wets" within the Conservative Party.

Less subtle is the impact the new fiscal principles will have on bargaining between Treasury ministers and their colleagues in spending ministries. If the Chancellor's goal had been to cut the PSBR/GDP ratio further, he could not necessarily have given spending ministers the bait of tax cuts in return for tight expenditure control. But now he can dangle that bait in front of them.

The final motive for consolidation on financial control is that public opinion is not prepared for a determined drive towards stable prices. Inflation has been a constant feature of British society for almost forty-five years and many people seem to regard its side-effects, such as rising house prices and the erosion of the real value of their debts with considerable affection. The Goverment may find that support for price stability becomes more genuine and substantial only when other countries, such as Japan and West Germany," have already attained it.

So Mr Lawson wants to be known as a tax-cutting, tax-reforming, incentive-promoting Chancellor who respects, but does not advance the sound money cause. The Green Paper shows, perhaps contrary to its authors' intentions, that the prosect for tax cuts is better today than for long time. The rise in public expendiure since 1978/79 has been concentrated in areas where a standstill or even a decline should become possible in the next few years.

The commitment made to NATO for 3 per cent a year growth in defence spending ends in 1985/86; the sharp rise in the cost of unemployment and supplementary benefits should be halted and then reversed when the recovery gathers steam; and the pressure on health and personal social services, which has been intense because of the increasing numbers of elderly people, should abate as demographic trends become more favourable. As long as the Government keeps the lid on existing programmes, there seems a good chance that the ratio of public expenditure to GDP will fall.

But is this radicalism? The Green Paper's procedure is to make assumptions about output and public expenditure, and then consider the scope for tax reductions. Implicitly, the questions "how much public expenditure in total can the nation afford?" and "does the state have to subsidize that activity?" are precluded.

Mr Lawson's first Budget was certainly not boring. But its excitement was made possible by some fudges on the PSBR in 1984/85, by adopting a relaxed attitude towards inflation in later years and by trusting that good expenditure control and economic growth will lower the ratio of public, expenditure to GDP over the next decade.

The Chancellor is taking risks. Unlike Sir Geoffrey Howe, who put the financial targets first despite the implications for the real economy, Mr Lawson is hoping that the financial targets will be reached because the real economy comes right. Politically, this is understandable and may be astute. But there has been some slippage from the monetary and fiscal restraint which until now has been both the hallmark of the Thatcher government's economic policies and the key to their success.

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Allied Plant Group names chairman

Allied Plant Group: Mr Martyn Rose has been appointed chairman and continues as chief executive.

Bairstow Eves: Mr John Taylor Williams has been made an executive director.

Lloyds Bank International: Egypt – Mr G. D. Hamilton has been appointed manager, Alexandria branch after the retirement of Mr R. McWatt. Mr K.

APPOINTMENTS

E. Hughes has become manager, Zamalek branch, Cairo, where he was previously assistant manager, business developments. South Asia – Mr J. Eggleshaw has been appointed representative for India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh, based in New Delhi. Far East – Mr D. J. Hutchinson has been made manager, Manila branch in the Philippines. Mr J. R. Frew, previously manager, Manila branch, has been made manager at Seoul branch in South Korea.

Hawker Siddeley Power Engineering: Mr M. B. Page has been appointed to the board as managing director.

Pitney Bowes: Mr B. M. Baxendale has joined the board.

Smith and Nephew profits soar

Smith and Nephew's profits continue to surge, rising from £54.4m to £44.6m pretax on sales up 15 per cent to £313m, for the 12 months ending last December.

The group, known for its Nivea and Elastoplast products, has raised the dividend by 9 per cent to 4.5p with a 3.1p final and proposes a one-for-five scrip issue.

A geographical breakdown of results shows that Britain remains Smith's largest profit earner, but significant progress was made in Europe where profits almost doubled to £4.5m.

The board expects a significant improvement in profits for the opening three months of this year, on the same period last year, with net borrowings down by 28 per cent to £25.8m last year, representing 18 per cent of shareholders funds.

The shares climbed 5p to 205p on the results, before easing to 201p.

Shares of J. Bibby & Sons, the foods-to-hospital products concern, bounced 15p to 410p yesterday as the group reported *a 21 per cent rise in pretax* profits, lifted the total dividend by a quarter and proposed a one-for-two scrip issue.

On a 13 per cent rise in sales to £279m, Bibby's pretax profits were £18.45m against £15m last time. The dividend is 5.8p against 4.67p with a final of 3.6p.

The figures come on the back of a bullish view of the immediate future from Mr Leslie Young, Bibby's chairman, who says there are now clear *indications of recovery and* healthy growth in Britain and the United States and a consequent restoration of business confidence.

The company's industrial operations, except for edible oils, achieved very significant increases in trading surpluses. Its agricultural interests earned a similar trading surplus to that of the previousyear, though the benefit of further record earn*ings in the feeds and seeds* division was offset by disappointing results from the farm products.

In brief

● **JOHN MAUNDERS CONSTRUCTION:** Half-year to Dec 31, 1983. Turnover *£6.36m (£4.13m).* Pretax profits jumped from £374,000 to £170,000. The interim dividend is being boosted from 0.7p to 2p net a share and the board hopes to recommend a final of at least this amount (making at least 4p) compared with 3.5p indicated last year.

● **RESOURCE TECHNOLOGY:** *Turnover for half-year to* Oct 31, 1983, £4.47m (£1.87m). Pretax profit £753,000 (£298,000).

● **CHAMBERLAIN PHIPPS** has conditionally agreed to buy 92 per cent of the capital of *Tanner Chemical* of the US for $5.54m (£3.85m).

● **STAG FURNITURE HOLDINGS:** *In 1983, turnover* rose from £31.64m to £36.94m, while pretax profits jumped *from £1m to £1.9m.* total dividend 5.25p (5p).

● **MATTHEW CLARK AND SONS (HOLDINGS):** For the eight months to Dec 31, 1983, pretax profit rose from £2.7m to £3.39m. Turnover £60.02m (£51.96m), excluding customs and excise duty of £25.15m (£22.13m). Interim payment 4p *(3p) a share.*

● **SALSBURY OFFER:** Subscription lists open tomorrow for the offer for subscription by London Venture Captial Market of six million ordinary 1p shares in Salsbury Locks at 6.5p a share. A market in the shares will be made on an over-the-counter basis.

● **BODDINGTONS BREWERIES:** *In 1983,* pretax profits rose by 5.6 per cent to £9.09m. Turnover rose from £44.47m to £47.7m. Total dividend 2.64p a share (2.4p, adusted, last time).

● **PITTARD GROUP:** Last year, this leather manufacturing group managed to turn a pretax loss of £326,000 into a pretax profit of £1.2m. Turnover expanded from £20.39m to £25.2m. Exports: £9.52m (£9.02m).

● **LAING PROPERTIES:** *Pretax profit* for 1983 *£11.1m* (£9.7m). Total dividend up from 5p to 5.5p a share.

● **MEMEC (MEMORY AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS):** Last year, pretax profits rose from £1.96m to £2.8m on turnover up from £12.22m to £18m. The total net dividend is being raised from *1.65p (adjusted) to 1.95p* (adjusted).

● **COMBEN GROUP** (estate developer and house-builder): In 1983, pretax profits rose from £3.1m to £5.01m on turnover up from £59.57m to £81.78m. Total dividend 2.65p net, compared with 2.55p on old capital.

● **CPU COMPUTERS** (quoted on the USM): Half-year to Dec 31, 1983. Turnover £10.63m (£6.85m). Pretax profit *£806,000 (£524,000). Interim* payment, 0.5p net a share. Single payment of 0.35p for previous year.

● **LOGICA:** Half-year to Dec 31, 1983. Pretax profit £1.81m (£1m). Interim payment of 0.35p net a share. (Company came to the market last year.) Board reports that in the latest *half-year* all four aspects of Logica's business progressed strongly. Consultancy was at record levels. Orders are at a *peak and the board is confident* that the high degree of activity in the first half will continue for the rest of the year.

● **WATMOUGHS (HOLDINGS(:** For the second year running, this company is making a one-for-five scrip issue. Turnover for 1983 up from £21.01m to £22.47m. Pretax profit £2.09m (£1.81m). Total dividend, net, 6.25p a share, against the equivalent of 5.2p last time.

● **LUCAS INDUSTRIES** is selling its 50 per cent stake in Girlock, Australia, for cash. Girlock makes automotive components. The purchase price for the Lucas holding is $A4.7m (about £3m).

● **OFFER OVERSUBSCRIBED:** Application list for *the offer for sale of shares in* Charterhouse Japhet Rothschild Pacific Investment Trust closed on Tuesday, substantially oversubscribed.

● **NEW ENGLAND PROPERTIES:** Turnover for 1983, £2.94m (£3.17m). Pretax profit £504,000 (£439,000). Dividend, 1p a share, against nil.

● **ROYDS ADVERTISING GROUP** (a member of the Extel Group): Royds is negotiating the acquisition of the independent agency, Toon & Heath, with offices in Solihull and Stoke-on-Trent. Toon is intended to be merged with Royds Advertising & Marketing, the Birmingham agency of the Royds Group.

● **AMAX:** Amax Coal Company and Petrofina, the international oil company, yesterday signed an agreement creating a joint venture between the two firms under the name of *Finamax Coal company.*

● **NORTON OPAX:** The company yesterday completed the acquisition of Percy Lund, Humphries and Co of Bradford.

Paterson's half-year results improve

By Jonathan Clare

Paterson Zochonis, the international trader with big Nigerian interests, expects better full-year profits after turning in *the promised half-year improvement.*

Yesterday's half-year results *show profits up from* £12.9m to £14.2m, with strong performance from the Nigerian associates despite import controls and foreign exchange restrictions. The interim dividend has been increased from 1.35p to 1.45p.

Six months ago, soon after the Nigerian elections the company was pinning much on political stability. The subsequent militry coup has again brought about political turmoil.

Nigeria is also negotiating a refinancing deal which would help it to pay its import bill. Paterson's liquidity would benefit *from such a deal,* but the company is also vulnerable to currency movements if exchange rates are adjusted.

Paterson's main businesses include soaps, detergents, edible oils and refrigerators, and it operates manufacturing plant in Nigeria.

Turnover in the first hafl was *from £138.5 to £123.6m.* Investment income was largely unchanged at £2.4m. Exchanges losses were £347,000 against a profit of £469,000 Interest payable was up by £1.2m at £5.1m.

Earnings per share have increased from 13.92p to 14.05p. Paterson has diversified away *from its traditional* merchanting and trading business in Nigeria, and now has two manufacturing businesses in the country.

CRICKET

Good bowling by England could save the series

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
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England set themselves a task in the third Test match here yesterday and discharged it so successfully that the series could yet be saved. Their aim was to bowl with the strictest economy and to await the batsmen's mistakes – and when their *bowlers got stuck the batsmen* duly obliged. By close of play Pakistan were 173 for six in reply to England's first innings total of 241, and there are still three days to go.

While the ball was still hard and new Cowans and Foster were eager to lay their hands on it. They quickly reduced Pakistan to 13 for two, which would have been 23 for three had Salim been caught at first slip off Cowans, as he well could have been. There followed three attritional hours while Omar and Salim sought the initiative and England held to their plan. Cook kept one end pretty well closed up: the ground fielding was excellent, with Fowler chasing about *like a hare,* and after tea, by when Marks had taken a useful wicket, Cowans and Foster came back to take advantage of the local temperament, which is nothing if not mercurial.

England had one great and two lesser slices of luck. What made all the difference to their day was that Zaheer, after damaging a leg on Monday, was able to bat only with a runner. He came hobbling in at number seven. This left Pakistan's innings in mostly inexperienced hands. Then, when Omar and *Rameez were playing* well, they both fell to short balls which they should have hit for four. As a result of it all, we are left with an interesting match, wholly undistinguished thus far for its batting, yet with a real prospect of a *finish.*

The first three or four overs of Pakistan's innings echoed with appeals for leg before. Broadly speaking, those that most looked out were given in and those that looked most in were given out. Hanif's son, Shoaib, moves into his stumps when playing back. He is a wristy, *nippy little fellow* and a real scamperer between the wickets. Zaheer could have had no hesitation in bringing him later in as his runner. Foster in his first over had to be placated, as well. I hope, as admonished, by Gower, when he had his first appeal against Shoaib turned down. His next, less-full throated, *against Mohsin,* was upheld.

With Cowans it was the other way round – a resounding appeal against Mohsin rejected, before his next, against Shoaib, was endorsed. Both batsmen were relying on their eye to flick the ball away to mid-wicket. In successive inning against Australia in December Mohsin made 149 at Adelaide and 152 at Melbourne. In the present series he has been out for 54, ten, 20, two and one.

With Zaheer incapacitated Pakistan were already exposed. Foster and Cowans had their tails up, and *although Salim has* been full of runs Omar has not. It had become, as it remained, good combative stuff, with Omar and Salim keen not to be subdued. Disapointingly, as on Monday, there was only a scatteing of spectators to enjoy it. The weather was exquisite and the field pleasantly green. The cricket match of one's dreams would be played on just such a day, if not necessarily at the Gaddafi stadium.

Salim had scored one when Gatting dropped him. The edge, from a firm forward stroke, flew fast to *Gatting's right.* Gatting, diving, got two hands to it.

For most of his 26 overs, 24 of them in succession, Cook had three fielders close up on the off side, as well as a close short leg. *It was a field which* demanded accuracy and got it. I would have preferred if he had dropped certainly one of those off side merchants back into the covers and thrown the ball up rather more, but he did very *well the job that* was asked of him. Silly mid-off, no more than four yards from the bat, is no place for a captain to field, as Gower did to Cook, for long periods at a time. It is dificult from there to see the wood from the trees. To be fair to him, though, Gower had another excellent day in charge.

For ninety minutes after lunch Omar and Salim were *either pushing forward to* Cook, *hitting Foster hard but straight* to the fielders or treating Marks with respect. Eventually, they got badly bogged down. Twenty seven afternoon overs had yielded only 37 runs when Marks, in his sixth over, bowled *Salim as he tried to rum him* down to third man. Two straight drives by Omar, played from down the pitch off Cook, and a forceful four by Rameez – the first attacking strokes for an hour or more, took Pakistan to 115 for three at tea.

Half an hour afterwards Omar skied Foster into the covers, a short off-side ball which he aimed to slash for four. This brought the brothers Raja *together, but not for long.* Rameez, still only 21, is another of those natural stroke-makers with which Pakistan abounds. I found his innings enchanting; such talent, such confidence, but oh dear, such rashness. At *151 he was fifth out,* hooking a bouncer – long hop straight to square leg. In the forty minutes that were left Wasim went, too, caught in the gulley off a ball which Cowans got to lift, if not quite to fly. Between a quarter past two, when Salim was out, and half past four, when stumps were drawn, Pakistan had lost *their way.*

Foster (left) and Cowans eager to get their hands on new ball

Scoreboard

ENGLAND: First Innings

C L Smith, c Salim, b Sarfraz	18
M W Gatting, l-b-w, b Sarfraz	0
*D I Gower, c Dalpat, b Mohsin Kamal	9
A J Lamb, c Rameez, b Qadir	29
D W Randall, c Salim, b Qadir	14
G Fowler, c Qasim, b Qadir	58
V J Marks, c Mohsin Khan, b Qadir	74
†R W Taylor, l-b-w, b Sarfraz	1
N A Foster, l-b-w, b Qadir	6
N G B Cook, c Dalpat, b Sarfraz	3
N G Cowans, not out	3
Extras (b 4, l-b 5, w 9, n-b 8)	26
Total	241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-20, 3-47, 4-77, 5-83, 6-203, 7-209, 8-222, 9-237, 10-241.

BOWLING: Sarfraz, 22.5-5-49-4; Mohsin Kamal, 15-0-66-1; Qadir, 30-7-84-5; Wasim, 11-4-18-0.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Mohsin Khan l-b-w b Foster	1
Shoaib Mohammad l-b-w b Cowans	7
Qasim Omar c Fowler b Foster	73
Salim Malik b Marks	38
Rameez Raja c Smith b Foster	26
Wasim Raja c Gower b Cowans	12
*Zaheer Abbas not out	13
Abdul Qadir not out	2
Extras (l-b 1)	1
Total (6 wkts)	173

Sarfraz Nawaz, †Anil Dalpat and Mohsin Kamal to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-13, 3-98, 4-138, 5-151, 6-166.

BOWLING (to date): Cowans 15-4-43-2; Foster 18-5-47-3; Cook 26-8-63-0; Marks 12-4-19-1.

Umpires: Khizar Hayat and Amanullah Khan.

Yorkshire make changes on sub-committees

Norman Shuttleworth has lost his seat on the committee of Yorkshire *County Cricket Club Joe Lister,* secretary, announce this yesterday after new sub-committees had been formed, saying that the club would *no longer* be appointing a member to the board of the Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic club, who are the owners of Headingley.

This means that Mr Shuttleworth, the member appointed by the Leeds club to Yorkshire, will no longer be a member of the general committee.

David Welch, who resigned said that "he was out of sympathy with the aims and objectives of the majority of the general committee, and was dismayed at the conduct of a caucus in the general committee".

CRICKET: SUB-COMMITTEE: D B Close (chairman) and Messrs P J Sharpe, J Sokell, A L Vann, A Woodhouse. Finance: P H Charles (chairman), J A G Cawdry, R S Hillman, J F Temple, B Walsh.
PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE: S Fielden (chairman), R A Appleyard, G Boycott, A A Boot, P Fretwell, P Ickringill, W B Stott. Ground: G D Drabble (chairman), P Akroyd, C R Clegg, C T Jarvis, A F Ramsden, T P Quinn

Exciting end in prospect after Sri Lanka declare

Colombo – The second Test match between Sri Lanka and New Zealand seems set for an exciting *finish today after the Sri Lankans* continued their fightback on the fourth day here yesterday. They declared their second innings at 289 for nine to set New Zealand 266 to win. At the close of play they were six for no wicket.

Sri Lanka resumed after the rest day at 133 for two and Dias was again in good form, going on to complete his second century in seven Tests and first by a Sri Lankan at home. He had hit 18 fours in his 108 when he was bowled by Cairns. Dias and Wettimuny, who scored a determined 65 in 325 minutes, carried their third wicket stand to 163, a Sri Lankan Test record.

Wettimuny retired hurt before lunch after being hit in the groin by a ball from Hadlee. He resumed at the fall of the sixth wicket but was *dismissed without adding to his* score as three wickets fell for 11 runs after the interval.

SRI LANKA: First Innings 174 (B L Cairns 4 for 47)

Second Innings

S Wettimuny c Hadlee b Chatfield	65
E R N S Fernando c J J Crowe b Hadlee	0
S M S Kaluperuma c Wright b Hadlee	2
R L Dias b Cairns	108
J R Ratnayake c and b Hadlee	12
*L R D Mendis b Chatfield	36
R S Madugalle c J J Crowe b Chatfield	36
A Ranatunga run out	7
D S de Silva not out	13
†R G de Alwis b Chatfield	2
V B John not out	3
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 1)	5
Total (9 wkts dec)	289

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-13, 3-176, 4-209, 5-234, 6-244, 7-245, 8-278, 9-282.

BOWLING: Hadlee 30-13-58-3; Chatfield 29-9-78-4; Cairns 22-3-79-1; Boock 42-16-65-0; Coney 4-3-4-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 198 (J J Crowe 50; J R Ratnayake 5 for 42)

Second Innings

*G P Howarth not out	6
J G Wright not out	0
Total (no wkt)	6

J F Reid, J J Crowe, J V Coney, R J Hadlee, S L Boock, M D Crowe, †I D S Smith, B L Cairns and E J Chatfield to bat.

BOWLING: (to date): John 3-1-6-0; Ratnayake 2-2-0-0.

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BOXING

Nelson is only one leg of Quarless double

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Noel Quarless, the lively Liverpool heavyweight, who has been kicking his heels around for four months, aims to make up for lost time and money now he has the manager of his choice, Chris Moorcroft, and can carry on boxing.

Following in the footsteps of Trevor Berbick, who captivated the Wembley crowd with a world-class performance recently, Quarless hopes in the space of three weeks to dipose of two of Berbick's former opponents, Conroy Nelson, of Ottawa, and Mark Lee, to Carson City, Nevada, in a more impressive manner than the Canadian. Quarless takes on Nelson tonight at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel and Lee at *the Mike Borrett's* Albert Hall promotion on April 11.

Quarless had once said that he would never box for Barrett but has *decided to honour the contract for* two bouts that his former manager, Nat Basso, signed him up for. Quarless's new manager, Moorcroft, said yesterday: "It is better to make money than money than spend it fighting in court." The Liverpool boxer's second opponent with Barrett on May 13 could be the man Funso Banjo beat at Wembley, Billy Thomas, of United States. "Afer that *it* will be six or seven fights by the end of the year for Frank Warren", Moorcroft said.

In spite of being out of the ring *for so long Moorcroft* says the big lad in in top shape "bacause he's been training for all those fights that did not come off. He's been in the gym yesterday." *Quarless* has come down from 16st plus to 15st 5lb or so, "to keep his speed."

Moorcroft realizes that Nelson has come here to fight. "That's how we like them", he said. "We don't want opponents like Bruno's been fighting – I don't want to take anything away from Bruno because he's been doing a good job, but Noel is going to know he is better because he beats better men".



Nelson: good right hand

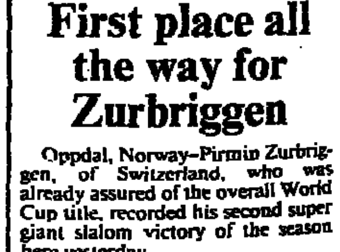
Nelson is extremely fit, as he must be to be a world-ranked kick boxer and is supposed to have a good right hand. But Moorcroft believes that Quarless will "take him out. As soon as he gets the *opening, he will throw the big shot.* He may have to wait till the tenth roud. That's all right."

Another exciting boxer, Roy Gumbs, the former British and Commonwealth middleweight champion, returns after a back *operation to share joint top billing.* He faces a talented boxer in Lindell Holmes, from Detroit. Holmes used to box for Kronk gym but Gumbs says he is ready for anyone.

The American should test the Tottenham boxer, for he gave the world-rated middleweight, Dwight Davison, a rough time in Las Vegas the day Colin Jones was challenging Milton McCrory the second time. Holmes flaked out in the *115-degree* heat. This time it could be the Cumbs left hook that could see him off.

SKIING

First place all the way for Zurbriggen



Oppdal, Norway–Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, who was already assured of the overall World Cup title, recorded his second super giant slalom victory of the season here yesterday.

Zurbriggen raced down the 47-gate course in 1min 24.30 sec, finishing more than one second ahead of Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg. He was at a great advantage starting first; the wear and tear caused by the early starters was responsible for the times becoming slower.

"I was lucky to be able to go first, "Zurbriggen said. He still needs to win in Oslo on Friday, to take the World Cup giant slalom championship.

● **ZWIESEL,** West Germany: *Hanni Wenzel,* of Liechtenstein, threw the women's World Cup Alpine event wide open by winning yesterday's slalom. Miss Wenzel, winner *in 1978 and 1980,* was second fastest after the first run, behind Anni Kronbichler of Austria

MEN'S SUPER GIANT SLALOM (Oppdal): 1, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1min 24.30sec; 2, M Giradelli (Lux), 1:25.50; 3, J Franko (Yugo), 1:25.80; 4, H Enn (Austria), 1:26.02; 5, M Wasmaier (WG), 1:26.12; 6, A Wenzel (Liech), *1:26.18;* 7, *H Strolz (Austria),* 1:26.21; 8, P Mueller (Switz), 1:26.48; 9, G Hinterseer (Austria), 1:26.51; 10, T Buergler (Switz), 1:26.79; 11, A Giorgi (It) and M Kernen (Switz), 1:26.98, 14, F Kerschdauner (It), 1.27.07; 15, M Julen (Switz), *1:27.09.* World Cup: Overall: 1, Zurbriggen, 256pts; 2, I Stenmark (Swe), 222; 3, Girardelli, 217; 4, Wenzel, 189; 5, A Steiner (Austria), 145; 6, F Hemzer (Switz), 129.

WOMEN'S SLALOM (Zwiesel): 1, H Wenzel (Liech), 1min 31.77sec; 2, T McKinney (US), 1:31.98; 3, P Pelen (Fr), 1:31.58; 4, B Gebert (Switz), 1:32.61; 5, D Tlalka (Pol), 1:32.69; 6, E Hess (Switz), 1:32.73; 7, R-M Quario (It), *1:33.02; 8, M Tlalka (Pol),* 1:33.22; 9, B Oertli (Switz), 1.33.34; 10, A Kronbichler (Austria), 1:33.43; 11, O Charvatova (Czech), 1:33.53; 12, M Hess (Switz), 1:34.02; 14, P Magoni (It), 1:34.11; 15, M Epple (WG), 1:34.28. Overall: 1, *McKinney, 97pts; 2, R Steiner (Austria),* 90; 3, E Hess, 89; 4, Pelen, 86, 5, Quario, 69; 6, Wenzel, 65 World Cup: Overall: 1, E Hess, 247pts; 2, Wenzel, 238; 3, Epple, 179; 4, McKinney, 176, 5, M Figini (Switz), 164; 6, C Cooper (US), 161.

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FOOTBALL: BRITAIN TAKES A DEEP BREATH BEFORE MOUNTING ITS SECOND WAVE OF ASSAULT ON EUROPE

Challenge for a German star

The fact that Inter-Milan are ready to pay £2.5m for Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, is great testimony to the West German captain's playing ability. But it is an even greater tribute to his sound sense of good business.

At the age of 28 it could be that the Bayern Munich striker has seen his best playing days. His form this season has been below his previous high standard and he has become increasingly injury prone. But the Italian club believe they are buying a proved product with more qualities than the ability to hit the back of the net with unerring regularity.

For Rummenige is a star off the field as well as on it, an enigma who keeps his personal fortunes a close secret, a man who, unlike his fellow professionals, manages all his own financial affairs himself and astutely promotes a clean-cut image.

While Barcelona parted with £4.6m to buy the young Diego Maradona, of the Argentine, Inter have seen in the mature Rummenigge a more reliable source of goals and a guarantee of good conduct on and off the field, though it will cost them much in hard cash.

Strangely, cash is a subject the West German idol, capped 73 times by his country, is tired of hearing about.

"Quite honestly, I am disturbed that the talk is constantly about money. It is the new challenge that attracts me," he said. "Apart from the World Cup which, ironically, the Italians deprived me of, I have won everything."

Twice European Footballer of the Year, Rummenigge has won the European Cup, two League titles and the West German Cup with Bayern and the European championship in 1980 with West Germany. He captained West Germany when they were beaten 3-1 by Italy in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

But it is impossible to mention such achievements without relating to the high earnings that have accompanied them. Rummenigge is Germany's highest-paid player with a salary of around £156,000 and he is said to be moving to Italy for about £500,000 a year.

Last year *Capital*, the West German business magazine broke down his earnings and estimated his total 1983 income at £733,000.

Apart from his salary, he has contracts with more than a dozen firms, including an insurance company, a photographic equipment manufacturer and a brewery.

He even has a clause in his contract with Bayern which entitles him to part of the fee if he is transferred abroad, though the club says he is 'very accommodating' about this. Clearly, Rummenigge has come a long way from his origins as a toolmaker's son who left home in Lippstadt, Westphalia, as a teenager to make the big time with Bayern.




Rummenigge: enigma

The Lions come roaring home

Yaounde, (AFP) – Cameroon's footballers were given a heroes' welcome home here yesterday after their 3-1 win over Nigeria in the final of the African Nations football championships in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on Sunday.

It was the first time ever that Cameroon had won Africa's supreme football trophy and thousands of fans jammed the streets of the capital to cheer or just catch a glimpse of Abega, the captain, and his team-mates.

The "Untameable Lions" as the Cameroon national team is known, arrived on a special charter from Abidjan and did an impromptu tour of Yaounde to show off the gleaming silver cup. They were then received by President Paul Biya.

Return legs: back in the Continental arena tonight will be Souness, Whiteside and, if his ankle is willing, Galvin

Souness back at high tide in Lisbon

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Lisbon

The Liverpool players need only look out from the balconies of their hotel room to catch a glimpse of what they are about to endure. Down below the grey Atlantic rolls in from the west, lapping incessantly against the yellow brick wall that lines the coast on the outskirts of Lisbon.

Tonight in the second leg of the European Cup quarter-final, Liverpool, dressed in yellow, will become a similar barrier. The waves will arrive in a different hue, the red-and-white of Benfica, but the frequency and the ferocity of the assault are likely to be as regular and as relentless as the sea itself.

Liverpool, as experienced as any European travellers over the last decades and more, expect no less. The goal that was scored almost inevitably by Rush at Anfield a fortnight ago is a small buffer but the reigning English champions are accustomed to entering a tie of heavy significance with the thinnest protection.

As Athletic Bilbao discovered in the last round, Liverpool are cohesive and confident enough to be able to dictate the tempo of any game on foreign soil. Their two main pacemakers are Dalglish and Souness, two richly talented Scots who must overcome recent troubles of their own. Therein perhaps lies the key to the semi-final door.

Dalglish's problem is physical. It is not so much his disfigured face, which he describes jokingly as "an oil painting", but his lack of sharpness. Yet his mere presence at the start of the second half was enough to transform the first leg dramatically.

Souness's problem is mental. The death of his mother last week caused him to miss their defeat at Southampton and it was not until Monday evening, after he had attended the funeral, that he was able to rejoin his colleagues. Yesterday, misreading the time of departure by an hour, he all but missed the flight to Lisbon.

Nicol, a substitute in the first leg and injured against Southampton, is the lone absentee and Liverpool will probably start as they finished two weeks ago. In other words, Robinson, who looked thoroughly lost in such elite company, should be replaced by Dalglish. Benfica will ignore him and his prolific partner, Rush, at their peril.

Little has been seen so far of the Benfica attack that scores so freely in domestic competition, but, in Nene, Manniche and Chalana, they have three forwards of guile, height and speed respectively. The tide, therefore, may come in all shapes but by nightfall it may be forced to turn back like the Atlantic.

BENFICA (probable): Bento; Pietra, Bastos Lopes, Alvaro, Oliveira, Jose Luis, Carlos Manuel, Stromberg, Chalana, Manniche, Nene.
LIVERPOOL (probable): B Grobbelaar; M Lawrenson, A Hansen, P Neal, A Kennedy, R Whelan, S Lee, G Souness, C Johnston, K Dalglish, I Rush.

United must rely on relentless Robson

By David Miller

It is 15 years since Manchester United were in a European semi-final. The careers of the ageing Busby and Charlton and the errant Best had not yet come to an end. There will be an overbearing yearning in the air at Old Trafford tonight.

Will the Cup Winner's Cup quarter-final second leg match mark the coming of a new United? Not, I suspect, if they play as moderately as they did in Barcelona two weeks ago, yet the imputus of moving to the head of the Canon league championship table on Saturday may provide the emotional surge to lift them above a two-goal deficit.

A sell-out crowd of 58,000 will recreate something of the mood of the old times; the presence of Maradona will help generate that sense of occasion which has begun to slip away from even European Cup ties, even when involving such legendary names of previous years as Madrid and Manchester. It is 23 years since Kubala, Kocsis, Evaristo, Suarez and Czibor of Barcelona played the best 25 minutes of football I have ever seen and lost the championships' final to Benfica.

Tonight Bryan Robson will be wanting to consolidate those estimations of a £3m transfer value which no Italian club has yet put on paper He is an exceptional player by any contemporary standard, and it is upon his relentless sorties into the front line that United must depend.

The danger for them is that a goal by Barcelona will push their target to four, and both Maradona and Rojo are capable of exploiting any defence indiscretion of a team obliged to push forward. Cesar Menotti insists that Maradona is not fully fit: Maradona says he is. We shall see. "Any other player would not be chosen" says Menotti, "but how can I leave him out? Some people say our lead is sufficient, but Maradona can win a game single-handed. We will attack, not defend with 10 men."

Migueli, an occasionally brutal defender, returns at right back after suspension, and Menotti is expected to play the more defensive Alonso in midfield. If Barcelona start kicking knees and not the ball, United must ignore provocation. Ron Atkinson acknowledges that the early game must combine aggression with caution.

He will field the team which trounced Arsenal on Saturday, which means Whiteside replaces Hughes in the side which lost in Barcelona. One or two Spaniards will remember Whiteside from that celebrated 1982 Irish victory in Valencia. He is no Best, yet with his size is, like Villa of Spurs, awkwardly difficult to dispossess.

Atkinson considers that winning this match is a matter of prestige, comparable to the FA Cup final itself. My feeling is that defence, and the inexperience of young Hogg at centre back, his own-goal was crucial to the first leg – will prove as vital a factor for United as attack.

MANCHESTER UNITED: Bailey; Duxbury, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, Hogg, Robson, Muhren, Stapleton, Whiteside, Moses. Substitutes: Pears, Graham, Hughes, Gidman, McGrath.

Spurs unknowns can find fame tonight

From Clive White, Vienna

Because of their interminable injury problems, Keith Burkinshaw, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, has deferred the selection of his team to meet FK Austria in the second leg of their UEFA Cup quarter final here tonight. Interest in whom he chooses to play is only equalled by whom he chooses to leave out.

It is likely that nearly £2m worth of famous names will have to take second place to the unknowns reared locally or brought for a song. Costly signings like Crooks and Price are not even in the party. It is a moot point whether this is due to the success of good scouting or abject failure in the big money market. Whatever the reason the fitness or otherwise of Galvin from Goole Town, will largely decide the make-up of the illustrious Tottenham Hotspur.

If Tottenham, rather than Galvin, decide that his ankle is not too sore today he will play in midfield to the exclusion of Stevens, the expensive jack of all trades, who, like others, failed to impress on Saturday in the pitiful defeat by West Bromwich Albion. Stevens, despite his preference for centre back, is unlikely to be chosen ahead of the stalwarts, Miller and Roberts. Stevens will probably move to right back, so demoting another hefty six figure signing, Thomas.

There is also a slight doubt concerning the well-being of Falco who, like Galvin, needed the reserve game on Monday but could have done without the result, an embarrassing 5-0 win for Chelsea.

Even so, he is politic for the first team and has scored six in Europe. Here again it is probable that the high-priced failure Brazil, who scored a rare goal in the first leg, will have to make way for the Hackney-born Falco.

Despite this inability to integrate properly the big money signings, Tottenham have still had their moments this season, though these have invariably been in the UEFA Cup. Of course, Spurs have always excelled in Cup competitions, perhaps, as Steve Perryman, the captain, suggested, to the detriment of their League achievements. He thought they had committed themselves to entertaining when sometimes a more defensive approach was required. If they wanted to succeed in the League, he said, a decision to be more cautious had to be taken at the start of the season.

Burkinshaw, however, has no intentions of defending their 2-0 lead tonight. "We're not the sort of team who can sit back. You can be too defensive and come off the loser. Besides, if we get a goal they've got to get four."

FK AUSTRIA: Koncilia; Sara, Obermayer, Dexbacher, Degeorgi, Mustedanagic, Prohaska, Magyar, Drazan, Nyilasi, Polster.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: Clemence, Stevens, Miller, Roberts, Hughton, Ardiles, Perryman, Hazard, Dick, Archibald, Brazil.

Chance for Scots to pose serious threat

By Simon O'Hagan

Scottish club success in Europe has been a spasmodic, if spectacular thing. This is a polite way of saying that for all Celtic's triumph in becoming the first British winners of the European Cup in 1967, Rangers' victory in the 1972 European Cup Winners' Cup and Aberdeen's in the same competition last year, the country has never sustained its challenge in the way that England, West Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and Italy have.

Now there are signs that Scotland's impact on the continent could be more lasting. Aberdeen, whose victory last year was no less deserved for being unexpected, are still in contention in the Cup Winners' Cup this year.

Tonight, Aberdeen are at home to Hungary's Ujpest Dozsa, in the second leg of their quarter-final tie. They lost the first leg 2-0, mainly because somebody kept moving the goal just when an Aberdeen player was poised to shoot with nobody to beat. It would be hard to find a more plausible reason for the extraordinary misses by Black, Strachan and Weir.

The finger that Alex Ferguson, Aberdeen's manager, slid across his throat at the end of the match provided a graphic comment on proceedings, and at national level at any rate, Scotland's capacity for self-destruction has been marked.

On Saturday Aberdeen drew 0-0 with Dundee United, in the Scottish Cup displaying a reluctance to go for goal. If the team is suffering from a crisis of confidence up front, then it must be hoped that Weir's return tonight after injury eases it. Miller and Hewitt are also expected to play, despite having to undergo fitness tests this morning.

Dundee United have no such reason for hesitancy. Trailing 2-1 from their trip to Rapid Vienna in the European Cup a fortnight ago, they stand a fine chance of reaching the seni-finals in their first season in the competition.

To his side's natural flair, Jim McLean, United's manager, has added the guile necessary to European success, and the 4-0 demolition of Standards Liège in the last round proved how potent a combination of qualities that can be. Milne, who scored twice that night, has a late fitness test.

One notable absentee from the matches tonight could be Michel Platini, of Juventus. A thigh injury sustained during Sunday's Italian League game with Verona is expected to keep him out of the European Cup Winners Cup match with the Finnish side, Haka Valkeakoski. With home advantage, and leading 1-0 from the first leg, Juventus could have had a worse moment to lose his services.

Part-timers will be on £1,200 each

From Peter Ball, Graz

The part-timers of Sturm Graz will be on £1,200 a man when they play the allegedly rich professionals of Nottingham Forest in the UEFA Cup here tonight. That, said Brian Clough, as he sat basking in the sunshine in the beautiful spa town of Bad Gleichenberg before attending a civic lunch in his team's honour, is a reflection of the financial straits of English football.

But if Forest are paupers at home, as recent European Cup winners they have been feted royally in southern Austria and are regarded as imposing visitors, Mr Clough himself winning the accolade "Der Super Manager" in the local paper.

It would be surprising if his team let him down on his birthday today. Even though Graz have won their last three matches, beating Salzburg 4-2 on Saturday to move into third place in the Austrian first division, Forest's experience in Europe proves they are more adept than most at protecting a small advantage away from home. Since 1978 only Cologne have scored more than one goal against them in a European match.

Although Graz are showing better form now than when they lost in Nottingham 1-0 two weeks ago, as always Mr Clough is more concerned with his own team, who have lost some of their momentum. "We have lost the ability to get early goals", he confessed. "The strikers are still extremely honest but the midfield has dried up. It is the backbone of our side through the middle, the goalkeeper, the two centre halves and the strikers, who are keeping us going at the moment".

Mr Clough is thus contemplating leaving out Hodge – "still a child in football terms" – and playing Wallace in midfield, knowing that sitting back in defence would not be a wise policy. But if van Breukelen, Fairclough and Hart live up to their recent form, it is difficult to see Forest being knocked out.

STURM GRAZ (probable): W Saria; R Schauss, S Pichler, M Stainer, F Feirer, Z Breber, P Huberts, W Hoermann, B Bakota, L Szokolai, B Jurtin.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (probable): van Breukelen; V Andersen, P Hart, C Fairclough, K [illegible], [illegible] Wigley, I Bowyer, S Hodge, C Walsh, [illegible], I Wallace.

Strachan move unlikely

Arsenal's managing director, Ken Friar, today ruled out any immdiate move for Aberdeen's talented midfield player, Gordon Strachan, but left the door open for a possible eleventh hour purchase before tomorrow's transfer deadline. Strachan's contact expires at the end of the season.

"Don had been looking at all sorts of players, because we are coming to the transfer deadline," Friar said.

"There is no imminent news in the pipeline regarding Strachan, and I would have thought it unlikely that Don buys anyone before Thursday. We have a good squad of players here, but we are not going to shut the door."

Romeo Zondervan has delayed a decision on whether to join Ipswich Town from West Bromwich Albion. After talks with the Ipswich manager, Bobby Ferguson, Zondervan learned that a Dutch club also wanted to sign him.

Monday's results

Third division

SOUTHEND (0) 1 Kellock — PORT VALE (1) 2 Bright, O'Keefe — 2,080

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield United 0, Manchester United 2; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Derby County 5.

● Reading have been reprimanded by the Football Association for wearing their sponsor's name on their shirts. They are sponsored by local radio station Radio 210.



New £½m ball game

Mitre Sports announced a new sponsorship today which could net the Football League more than £500,000 over the next three years. The Huddersfield-based company will supply the official League ball, the Mitre Delta – and it will be [illegible] in Sundays Milk Cup Final [illegible] Wembley between Liverpool [illegible] Everton.

The scheme means that Mitre, who supply more than 50 League clubs with footballs, are licensed by the League to manufacture, distrib[illegible] [illegible] Football [illegible] endorsed balls. The League [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] year-old player-manager, yesterday signed a new contract which will tie him to the second division club until the end of next season.

ICE SKATING

World put to flight by Miss Witt

From John Hennessy, Ottawa

Katarina Witt, brilliant skater that she is, has proved herself to be a wretched spoilsport. The East German and Olympic women's figure skating champion has broken fresh ground by winning the compulsory figures for the first time in her career and has thus already put the would-be world champion challengers to flight. The competition so far as the gold medal is concerned is dead.

It is just possible that Elaine Zayak, the world champion for the United States two years ago, might win either or both of the remaining sections of the competition, the short and long programmes; but that would hardly repair the damage of her ninth place in the compulsory figures.

If this championship is therfore a little lacking in interest, the British involvement is encouraging because of the advance made by Susan Jackson, of Nottingham. Fifteenth place may not seem all that impressive in an era of Torvill and Dean, but it represents a solid advance of 10 places in the last year.

She was drawn to skate first, a psychological disadvantage for any skater first thing in the morning, but in the ordinary way a tactical setback, too, since there are no tracings on the ice to offer some point of reference. Her new tutor at Richmond, however, Arnold Gerschwiller, is a man of the older school who does not allow his pupils to use strides in practice, a device for laying down the circle in the first place for the skater to follow.

The critical point for Miss Jackson is probably the combination jump in the short programme: in her case, a triple toe loop to double loop. If she can bring that off – and she had it well under control during practice yesterday – there is hope of her attaining a place well in advance of her seventeenth position in the Winter Olympics in Sarajavo last month.

Meanwhile, Torvill and Dean have expressed publicly their gratitude to the Canadian public for the reception they have been given here, even at practice time. "There is so much interest that there should be a great atmosphere when the championship start on Thursday." Miss Torvill says.

WOMEN: Compulsory Figures: 1, K Witt (EG) 0.6 points; 2, K Ivanova (USSR) 1.2; 3, M Ruben (WG) 1.8; 4, K Kondrashova (USSR) 2.4; 5, S Cariboni (Switz) 3.0; 6, A Dubravcic (Yug) 3.6; 7, K Thomson (Can) 4.2; 8, P Sarafidis (Austria) 4.8; 9, E Zayak (US) 5.4; 10, K Telser (It) 6.0. British placing: 15, S Jackson, 9.0.

MEN: Compulsory figures (after two rounds): 1, S Hamilton (US) 0.6; 2, R Cerne (WG) 1.2; 3, J Sabovcik (Cz) 1.8; 4, H Fischer (WG) 2.4; 5, B Boitano (US) 3.0; 6, A Fadeev (USSR) 3.6; 7, B Orser (Can) 4.2; 8, F Fedronic (Fr) 4.8; 9, V Kotin (USSR) 5.4; 10, G Beacom (Can) 6.0. British placing: 23, P Robinson, 13.8.

CRICKET

Dujon and Logie in control

Port of Spain – Australia soon captured the important wicket of Vivian Richards on the fourth day of the second Test match here yesterday, but a sparklin, unbeaten half-century by Jeffrey Dujon helped to put West Indies ahead on first innings.

Dujon, the wicketkeeper, was 57 no out at lunch and with Logie, who carrid his overnight 39 to 63 not out, had taken the total to 317 for five in reply to Australia's 255 all out.

The dismissal of Richards within nine minutes of the resumption after the rest day was Australia's only success in the morning. Richards was clearly intent on scoring quick runs, he hooked Alderman for four, but, trying to cut the next ball, which was wide of the stump, he was caught behind off the bottom edge. He had added seven runs.

The scoring rate in the morning was good: 50 off 14 overs in the first hour and 49 off 14 in the second. When Australia took the new ball, their bowlers, particularly Hogg, delivered a surfeit of bouncers. Dujon hooked and drove freely and by lunch had hit 10 fours in 109 minutes at the crease.



Dujon: sparkling innings

AUSTRALIA: First innings 255 (A R Border 98 not out; J Garner 6 for 60)

WEST INDIES: First innings

C G Greenidge c Phillips b Hogg	24
D L Haynes run out	53
R B Richardson c Wessels b Alderman	23
*I V A Richards c Phillips b Alderman	76
H A Gomes b Lawson	3
A L Logie not out	63
†P J Dujon not out	57
Extras (b 6, l-b 10, w 2)	18
Total (5 wkts)	317

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–35, 2–93, 3–124, 4–129, 5–229.

BOWLING: (to date): Lawson 24-2-99-1; Hogg 22-2-68-1; Alderman 26-8-57-2; Hogan 22-2-77-0.

Wides and no-balls debited to bowlers' analyses).

● Graham Dilley, the Kent and England fast bowler, is to see a specialist in Canterbury today for X-ray examinations to determine the cause of the trouble in his right side which caused him to return home early from the tour of Pakistan.

SQUASH RACKETS

Greater success overdue

By Colin McQuillan

The victories of Gawain Briars and Martine Le Moignan in the Stocton Open championships which finished on Monday night, reinforced the belief that the home talent is overdue for success against overseas players.

Briars won against such world class opposition as Ross Thorne and Ricki Hill, of Australia and Ross Norman, of New Zealand. He played to his own stroke-making strengths, becoming the first British winner of this title since Jonah Barrington in 1971.

Norman beat Dean Williams the Australian No 1, in 15 minutes and recovered against Geoff Williams, the most improved Englishman, from match point down in the third.

Miss Le Moignan has lived long in the shadow of Lisa Opie, the England No 1, whom she finally beat this year in an early round of the East England championships. She won this Stockton title, despite suffering a heavy chest virus, defeating Rhonda Thorne, the world number one, through direct power in the final and fighting through long overly-physical semi-final against Sue Cogswell to win 10-9 in the fifth after six match points.

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

MILAN: Grand prix tournament: First round: V Gerulaitis (US) bt S Colombo (It), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; B Drewett (Aus) bt C Barazzutti (It), 7-6, 6-2; J Kriek (SA) bt C Roger Vasselin (Fr), 6-4, 6-1; T Smid (Cz) bt M Edmondson (Aus), 6-2, 6-1; S Glickstein (Isr) bt P Fleming (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

DALLAS: Virginia Slims tournament: First round (US unless stated): P Shriver bt V Wade (GB), 7-5, 6-4; M Gurney bt S Amiach (Fr), 6-3, 2-6, 6-1; A Moulton bt P Medrado (Br), 7-6, 7-5; J Russell bt I Budarova (Cz), 6-2, 7-6; H Sukova (Cz) bt J Harrington, 6-4, 6-2; K Shaefer bt M Jausovec (Yug), 6-1, 3-0, retired; C Kohde (WG) bt P Paradis (Fr), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; K Jordan bt B Bunge (WG), 6-1, 7-5.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Utah Jazz 143, Detroit Pistons 125.

CRICKET

HARARE: Young India 112 and 106; Zimbabwe 114 and 105 for 8 (M Prabhakar 3 for 48, Maninder Singh 3 for 49). Zimbabwe won by 2 wickets.

CYCLING

Prologue (2.5 km time-trial): 1, J Recio (Sp), 3min 3.26sec; 2, J Villar (Sp), 3:04.67; 3, R Dietzen (WG), 3:06.12; 4, P Anderson (Aus), 3:09.28. First stage (128 km): 1, J Vilamajo (Sp), 3hr 10min 53sec; 2, P Anderson, 3:10.54; 3, W Devos (Bel); 4, A Gutierrez (Sp), same time. Overall: 1, J Recio, 3:14.57; 2, J Villar, 3:14.58; 3, R Dietzen, 3:15.00; 4, P Anderson, 3:15.03.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton 1, Oxford [illegible] 0; Fulham 2, Luton 4; Queen's Park Rangers [illegible] Crystal Palace 0.

ICE HOCKEY

[illegible] eight-nation tournament: Romania [illegible] 5.

LACROSSE

MERTON: Schoolgirls tournament: McFarlane Cup: Beaston 2, Huyton College 1; Godolphin 2, Harrogate College 0. Final: Beaston 3, Godolphin 0. Bentley Salver: Godolphin 3, Farrington 1; Haberdashers' Aske's 4, Harrogate College 1. Final: Haberdashers' Aske's 2, Godolphin 3.

BOWLS

Hartlepool: English men's indoor championship: Triples: first round: Torbay (L Bowden) bt Angel, Tonbridge (L Yeomanson), 20-13; Longmeadow (G Hopgood) bt Thamesdown (J Aylward), 19-10; Ilminster (J Wiseman) lost to Century (E Hayward), 22-9; Huddersfield (G Niven) bt Isis (G Harrington), 16-11; Preston, Brighton (W Hayward) lost to Lewisham (B Ward), 20-18; Cumbria (J Bell) bt Ely (F Thurling), 23-4; Hartlepool (D Bell) bt Wymondham Dell (P Miller), 17-15; Cotswold (M Jordan) bt Falcon, Chelmsford (R Marshall), 19-16.

TENNIS: Pam Shriver, the second seed, needed all of her best shots on Monday night to beat Virgina Wade 7–5, 6–4, in the first round of the $150,000 Virginia Slims event in Dallas (AP reports).

RUGBY UNION: Colin Smart, whose season has been wrecked by an Achilles tendon injury and operation, has broken down in training. The Newport and England prop is taking a week off training after suffering a reaction. He says the injury has healed though the leg is still very stiff and sore and he hopes to be fit to be considered for England's proposed South African tour.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

First leg scores in brackets

European Cup

Quarter-finals, second leg

Benfica (0) v Liverpool (1) (9.0)
Dynamo Berlin (0) v Roma (3) (7.0)
Dynamo Bucharest (1) v Dynamo Minsk (1) (1.30)
Dundee Utd (1) v Rapid Vienna (2)

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals, second leg

Aberdeen (0) v Ujpest Dozsa (2)
Donetsk (2) v Porto (3) (Tbilisi, 3.0)
Juventus (1) v Haka Valkea (0)
Manchester U (0) v Barcelona (2)

UEFA Cup

Quarter-finals, second leg

FK Austria (2) v Tottenham H (2) (6.30)
Hajduk Split (0) v Sparta Prague (1) (4.30)
Spartak Moscow (2) v Anderlecht (4) (4.0)
Sturm Graz (0) v Nottingham F (1) (6.30)

Second division

Blackburn Rovers v Charlton Athletic

Scottish premier division

St Mirren v Hibernian

WELSH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Hereford United v Wrexham.
FA TROPHY: Fourth round replay: Whitby v Dagenham.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Maidstone v Kidderminster.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Fareham; Sutton Coldfield v AP Leamington. Midland division: Merthyr Tydfil v VS Rugby; Milton Keynes City v Oldbury; Wellingborough v Leicester United.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Buxton v Marine; Gainsborough Trinity v Witton; Workington v Mossley. Bass Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Worksop (1) v Hyde (1).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Leicester City; Bristol Rovers v Swindon; Norwich v Ipswich.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Stoke v Aston Villa; Sunderland v Derby. Second division: Barnsley v Huddersfield; Middlesbrough v Blackpool; Notts County v Port Vale; Oldham v Preston.
MIDWEEK LEAGUE CUP: Bournemouth v Southend (2.0).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Northern Premier League XI v FA XI (Barrow).
TOUR MATCH: Southern Amateur League XI v New England Universities (US) (Ibis FC, Chiswick, 3.0).
INTER-SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIP: RAF v Army (RAF Uxbridge, 2.30).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES (7.0 unless stated): Cheltenham v Gloucester; Cross Keys v Bridgend; Glamorgan Wanderers v Lydney; Newbridge v South Glamorgan Institute; Pontypridd v Penarth; Tredegar v Maesteg; West Hartlepool v Headingley.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Hertfordshire Clubs v Middlesex Clubs (Herford RFC); United Banks v Sussex (National Westminster Bank RFC, Lower Sydenham, 4-0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Hull v Leeds; Leigh v Oldham; Widnes v Fulham.
SECOND DIVISION: Bramley v Halifax; Huddersfield v Huyton.

HOCKEY

LONDON LEAGUE: Cambridge University v Maidenhead (2.45).
TOURNAMENTS: Army UK Cup finals (Officers' Club ground, Aldershot); RAF inter-station competition finals (RAF College, Cranwell). Women: Inter-services championships (RAF College, Cranwell).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: All-England championships (Wembley Arena, noon).
BILLIARDS: English amateur championship (Widnes Snooker Centre, 11 am); World professional championship (Majestic Snooker Centre, Portsmouth, 11 am).
BOXING: Frank Warren promotion (Bloomsbury Crest Hotel, 8 pm).
GOLF: Sunningdale Foursomes (8 am).

Blazing an Olympic trail for the legend that endured

Campaign to honour Zatopek gathers pace

Chicago (AP) – Emil Zatopek ran farther, faster than any man before him, capturing the gold, in the three long-distance events in a single Olympics – a triumph of endurance and speed unmatched in the annals of the games. Before Zatopek's 1952 performance in Helsinki – when he won the 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres and his first ever marathon, all in Olympic record time – no one had ever attempted the distance triple. No one has duplicated his feat since.

In a 12-year career, Zatopek set 15 world records and won five Olympic medals – his others were a silver and gold in the 1948 Games in London.

It may now be time to honour the Czech. His admirers are campaigning to have Zatopek carry the torch and ignite the flame at the Games in Los Angeles.

"He is undoubtedly the greatest Olympic athlete alive today." George Hirsch, publisher of the *Runner* magazine and a leading campaigner for Zatopek, says. "And with Jesse Owens gone, there is no one who could be considered in the same class."

In 1952, the Czech Army officer returned home as a hero. His birthday was made a public celebration. A statue of hime was erected near his Prague home. With each major victory came promotion to higher rank – until 1968, when Soviet tanks put an end to the Prague Spring, Alexander Dubcek's experiment in liberal communism.

Zatopek – an ardent supporter of Dubcek – was stripped of his army commission and membership in the party. His birthday was no longer celebrated. The statue was dismantled. He was assigned to menial jobs.

When Zatopek was assigned janitorial work, people stopped to shake his hand. Sometimes they did his work.

The world did not forget either. When the United Nations sought him out for a humanitarian award, he was permitted to accept it. When invitations from Olympic hosts and sponsors of athletics championships continued to come, he was allowed to travel.

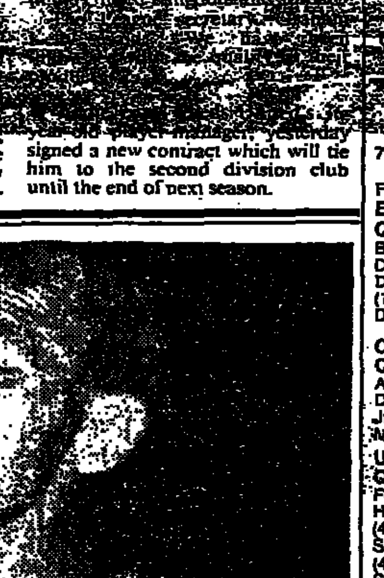
Eventually Zatopek was given a job evaluating training pamphlets for the National Sports Institute, where his education and knowledge of six languages could be put to some use.

Today Zatopek, now aged 61, and his wife, Dana, a 1952 gold medal winner in the javelin, live well by local standards in Torja.

"Because he is regarded as a symbol of resistance to Soviet tyranny, I knew the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee wuld be skittish about it." Paul Dickman, a Chicago runner who has been in the forefront of the campaign has said. "But these games could be the last, best chance to honor Zatopek."

Olympic twins

The twin brothers, Shigeru and Takeshi Soh, of Japan, have been picked to run in the Olypic marathon at Los Angeles.



Zatopek: breaking the 10,000m world record in June 1954

RACING: LEAR FAN AND RAINBOW QUEST SET TO MEET IN CRAVEN STAKES AT NEWMARKET

Francome fined maximum £2,500

John Francome, the champion National Hunt jockey, was fined a maximum £2,500 by the Jockey Club stewards yesterday. He was found guilty of failing to ride Easter Lee out for second place in the Stroud Green Hurdle at Newbury last month. Having accepted that his mount would be beaten by eventual winner, Childown, he dropped his hands in the last 50 yards and was beaten a head for second place by *Son Of A Gunner*.

Francome has been fined a total of £355 for three similar offences this season. He has also been fined for excessive use of the whip.

In an enquiry lasting an hour, and chaired by Sir John Astor, the disciplinary committee heard evidence from Francome, who was legally represented by Matthew McCloy, as well as evidence from Brigadier S. H. Kent, a steward at the meeting, the stewards' secretary, and the Jockey Club medical consultant.

Having watched a video of the race, the committee found Francome to be in breach of Rule 151 (II) of the rules of racing and imposed the fine, the maximum they can impose for any offence. An angry Francome refused to comment as he left the Jockey Club's Portman Square headquarters and set off for Fontwell Park, where he was booked to ride in the 4.0 race.

Francome has hardly been out of the news for most of this season, particularly in recent weeks. Last month he became only the second jump jockey in history to ride 1,000 winners, and he is now only 19 short of Stan Mellor's all time record of 1,035. He reached his 1,000 on Observe at Worcester, and two days later became the first National Hunt jockey to ride four successive centuries.


An angry Francome leaving Portman Square

Confidence abounds in Lear Fan


Lear Fan: rated better than To-Agori-Mou by Geoff Lawson, Harwood's assistant

By Michael Seely

The meeting between Lear Fan and Rainbow Quest in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket on April 17 promises to be the highlight of the opening weeks of the Flat racing season which starts at Doncaster tomorrow. With Vincent O'Brien's Dewhurst Stakes winner, El Grand Senor, due to run at Leopardstown the following Saturday, the 2,000 Guineas picture will be clearer before the start of the Epsom spring meeting.

Confidence is high at Pulborough that Lear Fan will follow in the footsteps of To-Agori-Mou, the stable's previous winner of the first of the colts' classics in 1981. Interestingly, Lear Fan, the unbeaten winner of three races including Doncaster's Champagne Stakes, is set to concede 5lb to Rainbow Quest in the classic trial, as Jeremy Tree's Dewhurst runner-up has yet to win a pattern race.

Explaining his thinking Harwood said: "Lear Fan's action shows that he could be unsuited by soft ground and as Newmarket has the best going in the country, this is a logical step." The dynamic Sussex entrepreneur also thinks that the Roberto colt will have a good chance of staying the Derby distance.

"I know there are possible stamina doubts on the dam's side, but these American pedigrees are difficult to assess on this score and Lear Fan could be in the same category as Sir Ivor and Roberto, whose class enabled them to stay 12 furlongs at Epsom."

Geoff Lawson, Harwood's brother-in-law and a co-director of Coombelands Stables Ltd is of the same opinion. "Lear Fan may not be as tough as To-Agori-Mou, but I reckon he has more ability. He has got this fantastic stride and he's a much more settled animal this year. Six to one for the Guineas looks a good bet to me and I think he could well get the Derby trip."

Greville Starkey, the highly experienced stable jockey, was also in a bullish mood after 42 horses had worked six furlongs on the wood shavings gallop. "I rode Lear Fan for the first time this season 10 days ago. Formerly he just used to take off and go, but this time he just lobbed along like an old sheep. We used to just let him run, but now I think I'll be able to switch him off and bury him in the pack."

Rousillon, Raft and Alphabatim were the stable's other two-year-old stars. Mr Khaled Abdulla's Rousillon won two races impressively before disappointing when second to Gold and Ivory in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot. "I think the colt tied up and tired after making his finishing run too quickly" continued the trainer. "He'll follow the same pattern as Recitation in 1981 – Salisbury's Guineas Trial followed by the French 2,000."

Raft is possibly the best long term in the yard. Mr Abdullah's Nodouble colt showed enormous potential when capturing the Beacon stakes at Newmarket and the Simonds Bitter Stakes at Salisbury. Sore shins limited this rangy colt's experience to just the two races. "Raft coughed a couple of times last week. So we just eased him off slightly. The Gerry Feilden Stakes at Newmarket plus one other race before Epsom is his intended programme." Tommy Townsend, the shrewd and knowledgeable head lad, makes Raft his pick of the team for Epsom.

Alphabatim, Mr Abdulla's William Hill Futurity Winner is another Derby possible and with Rainbow Quest also to represent him in the classics, the Saudi Arabian potentate certainly holds an immensely strong hand.

Harwood's knowledge, drive and enthusiasm combined to make Coombelands one of the best run and successful stables in the country. Last season he won 104 races worth £423,189 and finished fourth in the trainers' table behind Dick Hern. No scientific stone is left unturned as he seeks every modern aid to increase his knowledge. A Kaegi system for equine gait is being installed. This Swiss invention will also soon be in operation at the Equine Research station at Newmarket.

"It will give us a pattern of where a horse is putting his weight. It can record 1700 different impressions in half a second. And if we keep a regular record of each horse's pattern, it will help us to tell whether he is moving right and distributing his weight correctly," Harwood said.

As well as partnering the stable's runners at Doncaster, Starkey is hoping to start the season on a good note by winning the Lincoln Handicap on Saturday on Gouverno. Frank Durr's four-year-old is 9-1 favourite with the sponsors, William Hill, who then offer 11-1 Star of a Gunner and 12-1 Loch Pearl. The news that Lester Piggott will be seeking his first Lincoln triumph on Florida Son has caused a reduction in the odds against Jack Hanson's five lengths Daily Mirror Handicap winner to 25-1.

Fifty one horses were declared at yesterday's four-day stage so Star Of A Gunner faces possible elimination. Only 26 are allowed to run on the straight mile at Doncaster.

Wertheimer reverses Head decision

Jacques Wertheimer, who moved his string of 62 horses from the control of the Head family a fortnight ago, has changed his mind and 52 of the perfume millionaire's thoroughbreds are now once again under the jurisdiction of Criquette Head (Desmond Stoneham writes). Jean-Michel De Choubersky will continue to train 10 horses but Yann Porzier, the other beneficiary of the recent change, will be left without a single animal.

It was after Alec Head's decision to give up training this season that Mr Wertheimer decided to break his 35-year association with the Head family and he was no doubt influenced by untrue rumours that Head had become manager to the Maktoum family and indeed sold his breeding interests to them. In fact, Maktoum has just three horses with Criquette Head, who won the 1,000 Guineas for the Dubai owner with Ma Biche a year ago.

Speaking from Chantilly yesterday morning Alec Head said: "Mr Wertheimer never consulted me before taking his horses from Criquette, but has now changed his mind. The rumour that I had signed a contract with Maktoum was a total fabrication."

Criquette Head now has the Grand Critérium runner-up. Truculent, under her control again and this colt has a target of the French 2,000 Guineas. Mrs Head will be hoping to win the 1,000 Guineas as well with Robert Sangster's L'Orangerie, but the filly must first prove her well being in the seven-furlong Prix Imnprudence at Maisons-Lafitte.

Old's tactics can pay with Herr Capitan

By Phil McLennan

The decision of Jim Old, the Bristol trainer, to bypass the Cheltenham Festival with Herr Capitan should be rewarded in the King John Handicap Chase at Worcester this afternoon.

After Herr Capitan had won a similar race at Taunton last month, Old declared the eight-year-old a definite runner for the Kim Muir Challenge Cup at Cheltenham. However, Herr Capitan would have had no more than an outside chance there and the trainer's decision to wait for this modest prize looks a sound one.

The Taunton race was over today's distance of three miles five furlongs and, if anything, the opposition at the Somerset course was slightly stiffer. Drops O' Brandy, two lengths behind Herr Capitan in third place, has franked the form by winning at Folkestone and Doncaster.

Since Taunton, Herr Capitan has finished a slightly disappointing fourth to Sointulla Boy at Worcester, but that was over three miles, a trip which now seems on the short side for him. Of the opposition, Peter Scot and Salkeld appear well past their best and the younger Woodland Lad looks a bigger danger.

Kim Bailey seems to have found the perfect opportunity for Bright Oassis to get off the mark over fences in the first division of the St Barnabas Novice Chase. Formerly a good handicapper over hurdles, Bright Oassis has been flying much too high in his first four outings over the larger obstacles, which have included one run against Noddy's Ryde, B and K Emperor and Gambir at Nottingham.

Not surprisingly, Bright Oassis finished a well-beaten last of five in that company, but there is no denying his chance in this league. His second to Young Lover at Kempton in January is far better form than any of his rivals can boast and the two-and-a-half mile trip looks ideal.

Palmyra-Court and John Francome are likely to be a warm order for the third division of the novices chase, but my preference is for the consistent Sandwalker, who ended a frustrating run of seconds when winning by 20 lengths at Bangor a fortnight ago.

At Kelso, Cheers faces marginally tougher opposition than he has encountered in his two wins to date, but still starts at unbackable odds in the second division of the Heiton Novices' Hurdle. A more rewarding bet here should be Burn Nooka, who can defy a small penalty and a big weight in the closing Berrymoss Handicap Hurdle.

● Star Of A Gunner was laid to lose £75,000 by Corals for the Lincoln Handicap yesterday and is now 9-1 joint favourite with Gouverno. The latter is 8-1 favourite from 11-1 with Ladbrokes

GOLF

A flying start for jet-lagged McLean

By Mitchell Platts

Whatever the success Michael McLean reaps in this his third year as a professional it is unlikely that he will encounter a greater test of his character and endurance than that which confronted him in the Sunningdale foursomes yesterday.

McLean, aged 21, who won the European under-25 championship last September, has been furthering his golfing education in Thailand, Malaysia and Hongkong this winter. Last week, he was competing in the Indian Open, and it was only because he missed the halfway cut there that he returned home early enough to join forces with Jeremy Baldwin. Together they overcame the Middlesex combination of Stephen Law and Neil Wichlow, 3 and 2.

In fact McKean arrived at his Kent home on Sunday afternoon, following an exhausting 10,000 mile journey from Calcutta via Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Kuwait which took two days to complete, and he left Sevenoaks in darkness yesterday morning to be on the tee at 8.42.

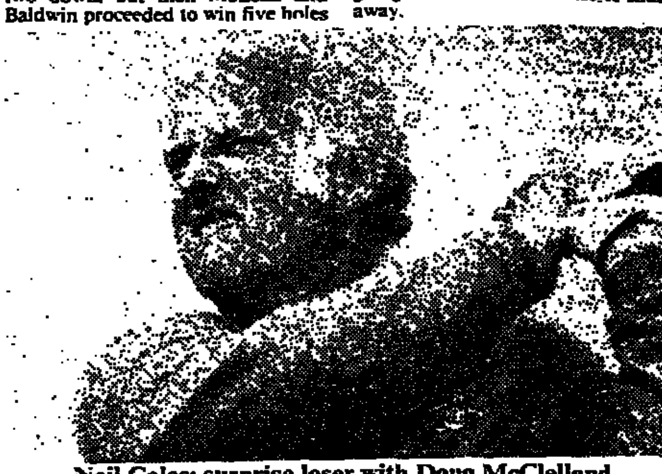
With that handicap and the knowledge that Baldwin, with whom he reached the semi-finals last year, was playing for only the third time after three months on crutches following a knee operation it seemed unlikely that progress would be made. Even more critical was that he reached the 12th tee two down, but then McLean and Baldwin proceeded to win five holes in succession to score a comfortable win.

Baldwin, the Kent champion in 1982 and a student at Brighton Polytechnic, demonstrated his talents by finding the green at the demanding 15th (226 yds) with a well-struck four wood to close out their opponents' hopes of a counter-attack.

John Davies and Martin Devetta, the holders, smoothly moved into the third round with a 7 and 6 win over Jim Lynch and Alex Campbell. Davies, the former Walker Cup golfer, and Devetta lost the first but six threes in the next eight holes demoralized their opponents.

Neil Coles, and Doug McClelland, winners in 1980, surprisingly lost 4 and 3 to Lancashire's Clive Burgess and Ken Davies. At 6' 3" Burgess, the professional at Fleetwood, towers a foot above Davies, a golf equipment representative. But they dovetailed as skilfully on the course as Little and Large on the stage and they emphasized how the supporting cast can often outshine the stars in this tournament which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Coles and McClelland even won the first with an eagle three, but their opponents were one up at the turn and then won three holes in a row from the 11th. Coles holed from 20 feet for another eagle at the 14th but Burgess and Davies were not going to allow their chance to slide away.


Neil Coles: surprise loser with Doug McClelland

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AT SUNNINGDALE

FIRST ROUND

OLD COURSE: Miss V Marvin and Miss C Sharp bt T Witton and T Bell, 6 and 4; J Garner and Miss N Holloway bt G Cowlinshaw and S Watkins, at 19th; A Hartley and J Ord bt L Noakes and P Longmore, 2 and 1; D Finch and B Mitten bt M Landsborough and Mrs S Murray, 3 and 1; J Baldwin and M McLean bt S Law and N Wichelow, 3 and 2; I Caldwell and Mrs C Caldwell bt D Blair and I Parker, 5 and 4; K Macdonald and M Vickery bt N Webber and F George, at 19th; M Symons and R Moore bt D McFadden and M Hembury, 2 and 1.

J Draycott and R Percival bt P Anderson and D Falconer, 2 and 1; J Hunt and T O'Nion bt R Lawrence and M Lawrence, one hole; D Carroll and P Franklin bt B Patterson and K Macpherson, one hole; J O'Leary and S Torrance bt G Hunt and A Summers, 3 and 2; D Jones and L Platts bt D Sparrow and B Yeates, two holes; D Elliott and G Carter bt N Green and R Johnson, one hole; A Sherborne and R Smith bt R Gardner and A King, 6 and 5; A Buckner and K Gough bt B Firkins and K Kelsall, 2 and 1.

NEW COURSE: I Farrant and D Farrant bt S Barns and B Mudge, at 19th; J Little and P Dawson bt J Irving and G Packer, two holes; D Huish and Miss G Stewart by G Ritchie and P Monahan 4 and 3, S Blight and R Wilkins bt L Partridge and G Brown, 3 and 2; S Case and J Todd bt R Park and T Lane 4 and 3; D Daly and J. O'Neill bt S. Geddes and G. Harris 8 and 6; R. Watkins and M. White bt J. Hamilton and Mrs J. Hamilton, one hole. D. Small and C. Defoy bt R. Sargent and T. Barker, 3 and 1. C. Winship and R. Williams bt C. Ledger and S. Gronow, 3 and 2; J. Hoskison and P. Hollington bt R. Cameron and A. Thompson, 2 holes; K. Bull and P. Chapman bt G. Vautier and T. Notley, 2 and 1; Miss M. McKenna and Miss M Madill bt P. Warner and B. Ross 6 and 5. A Buckner and K R Gough bt B. Firkens and K. Kelsall, 2 and 1; M Stancer and M. Torrens bt A. P Barr and J Nudds, at 19th; M. G. King and M. H. Dixon bt G. Harris and G. Hawkins, 1 up; D. Thorp and A Arrowsmith bt D. Talbot and P. M. Talbot, 1 up.

SECOND ROUND

OLD COURSE: P Johnson and C Coombs bt P Worthing and A Laking, 3 and 1; C Burgess and K Davies bt N Coles and D McClelland, 4 and 3; Miss G Teschner and I Taylor bt R Matthew and S Roberts, 4 and 3; G Thompson and A Macdonald bt M Deeley and Miss J Hawkins, 7 and 6; I Whyatt and M McLean bt L Farmer and K Spurgeon, 2 and 1; B Smith and B Calger bt D Butler and W Stephens, 4 and 3; A Blackburn and R Hervey bt K MacDonald and Mrs W Uzielli, 4 and 3; A Way and D Hudspith bt W Marchbank and A White, at 19th.

P Taylor and K Maxwell bt K Lewis and S Hatton, at 20th; R Newman and D Owers bt A Hull and M Vertigen, 4 and 3; M Devetta and J Davies bt L Lynch and A Campbell, 7 and 6; G Simmons and D Burrow bt P Stow and M Stupple, 3 and 1; D Edwards and Miss J Burnett bt C Hudson and T Smith, 3 and 1; Miss M Burton and Miss D Hastings bt P Golding and D Bailey, 5 and 4; A Hall and A Reynolds bt G Legoux and A Williams, one hole; N Lawrence and A Clark bt P Brown and C Wills, 3 and 2.

Watkins and White bt Daly and O'Neill, 8 and 7; Small and Defoy bt Winship and Williams, 2 and 1; Hoskison and Hollingdon bt Bull and Chapman, 2 and 1; McKenna and Madill bt Farrant and Farrant, 4 and 3; Huish and Stewart bt Little and Dawson, 2 and 1; Case and Todd bt Blight and Wilkins, 2 and 1; Stancer and Torrens bt Buckner and Gough, 3 and 1; King and Dixon bt Thorp and Arrowsmith, 1 hole.

T Clements and A Rattue bt J Fisher and C de 'Bruin, 3 and 2; K Brake and M Square bt J Hudspith and R Latham, 3 and 2; M Mitchell and H Francis bt D McDowall and G Potter at 19th; D Bristow and T Hoyles bt M Foreman and A Parcell, 5 and 4; K Williams and D Craik bt P Smith and L Donovan, 8 and 7; A Biggins and A Lees bt J Dulleu and M Block 6 and 5; J Lamble and A Calder bt A Parish and R Attenger, 3 and 1; D Blakeman and M Thomas bt R Peters and A Pritchard, on hole.

NEW COURSE: F S Kiddie and I Grant bt S Mylward and C Buttivant, 3 and 1; M L Kirby and G Wilson bt R Richards and K Norton, 1 up. Mrs J Thornhill and Miss C Waite bt R Fish and M Inglis, 19th; A Drake and T Greenwood bt G Hepslourth and A Mackay, 8 and 7; Miss C Hayllar and C North bt W Peterson and D Bailey, 2 and 1; J Jones and H Evans bt T Morgan and C Giddins 1 up; M Macdiarmid and I Coles bt D Boot and T Myles, 7 and 6; S Adwick and D Sheppard bt J Gould and J Crook at 22nd.

Miss A Saunders and Miss C Griffiths bt N Burns and J Robinson, 4 and 3; I Young and H Scott bt V Elvidge (NZ) and C Hebdon 1 hole; M Howell and S Lloyd bt B Gallacher and T Lennon at 19th; N Hansen and D Robson bt T Cullen and B Evans, 4 and 2; R Whitehead and J Linaker bt K Taylor and E Halsall, 6 and 5; J Christine and Mrs J Nicolson bt R Joyce and M Sharman, 2 and 1; J Wood and Miss H Reid bt P Foston and N Hobbs at 21st; Miss L Davies and Miss B New bt C Hiscox and J Hastings, 7 and 5.

S Barr and D Reagan bt C Clark and J Tarbuck at 21st; J R Bates and P Sparks bt M Serrard and G Walmsley, 2 and 1.

Garner and Holloway bt Huggett and Jervis, 4 and 3; Hartley and Ord bt Marvin and Sharp, 1 hole; Macdonald and Vickery bt Finch and Mitten, 2 and 1; Baldwin and MacLean bt Symons and Moore, 3 and 2; Caldwell and Caldwell bt Draycott and Percival, 5 and 3; Hunt and O'Nion bt Carroll and Franklin, 2 and 1; O'Leary and Torrance bt Jones and Platts, 4 and 3; Sherborne and Smith bt Elliott and Carter, 6 and 5.

A Scott and P Low bt M Tibbles and D Honan 5 and 4; D Ray and D Scanlon bt J Cann and O Browne 5 and 4; M Herbert and P Hughes bt R Foreman and M Foreman 3 and 2; B Sparks and Miss T Hammond bt D Morgan and R Benfield 1 hole; Miss M Walker and Miss C Langford bt C Gill and G Drummond 4 and 3; A Lyddon and B Sandry bt D Newman and J Burrel 3 and 2.

HOCKEY

Ladykillers rebuffed

By Sidney Friskin

Combined Services 1
Ladykillers 1

Speed and fitness carried the day when the Combined Services defeated a talented Ladykillers side at Vine Lane, Uxbridge, yesterday. Ladykillers, who play a role similar to that of the Barbarians in Rugby Union, fielded seven internationals. This was only their second match of the season and although they played well they could not get together.

Combined Services have one more match against Islanders at Portsmouth on April 1 before they take part in the senior divisional tournament at Seaford College, Sussex, on April 7 and 8.

After their 7-0 defeat last week by the Universities Athletic Union, Combined Services played more positively. Their defence beat back several early assaults by Ladykillers and King in goal saved twice, first from Bhaura then from Thompson. Their attack kept Owen in the Ladykillers' goal fairly busy. Exchanges were even for about 15 minutes.

David Westcott, who captained Great Britain in Hongkong, began to show his class on the right wing. Combined Services, for whom Gordon was fast and active on the right wing, scored from their second short corner, Dykes converting in the 27th minute.

Combined Services started the second half with Jennings in place of Leighton in attack. Ladykillers took play into Combined Services territory and King made another great save off Thompson. But King was penalized in a scramble and Ladykillers were awarded a penalty stroke, converted by Wescott to restore the balance.

Owen came under pressure from Jennings and Gordon and Combined Services were awarded a penalty stroke for obstruction. Jennings converted to give Combined Services the lead

COMBINED SERVICES: Lt N King (RN); Sub: J Tech J Marshall, Flt Lt M Old (RAF), Sgt I Clinton (RAF), Capt, Cpl Mr Dykes (RAF), F/O S Bollom (RAF); Lt I Jolly (Army); P/O B Henry (RN); Lt P Leighton (Army); Sub: L/Cpl J Jennings (Army); Lt N Gordon (Army); 2nd Lt P Roberts (Army); Lt A Scopes (Army).
LADYKILLERS: D J Owen; B Mills, I Barrett; J Douglas; B Griffiths; I Thomson (Capt); D Faulkner; A K McGinn, D G Westcott; K Bhaura; C Eyles.
Umpires: Capt C Kemp (RAPC), J Parsons (Cheam).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermatt	150	255	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	4
Spring skiing on south-facing slopes							
Courmayeur	160	280	Good	Varied	Good	Cloud	1
New snow on good base							
Klosters	70	170	Good	Heavy	Fair	Sun	3
Piste skiing still good							
La Plagne	120	305	Good	Crust	Fair	Föhn	7
Best skiing above 2,000 metres							
Leysin	75	205	Good	Spring	Fair	Fine	8
Good spring snow off piste							
Mürren	70	190	Fair	Varied	Fair	Fine	4
Bare patches on lower slopes							
St Anton	65	400	Good	Varied	Fair	Fine	6
Spring snow on south-facing slopes							
Soldeu	55	160	Good	Crust	Good	Cloud	5
Very good skiing on all runs							
Verbier	35	190	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	9
Snow slushy but good in trees above 1,500 metres							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following report has been received from a tourist board:

GERMANY

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Berchtesgaden	–	10	Old	–	–4
Garmisch	–	44	Old	–	–8
Mittenwald	–	40	Lumpy	–	1
Oberjoch	–	120	Old	–	–4
Oberstaufen	–	50	Old	–	–3
Oberstdorf	–	55	Old	–	–5

Worcester

GOING: good

1.30 ST BARNABAS NOVICE CHASE (Div I: £1,206: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

13 0-041pf RHEINFORD (C,D) (R Allsop) J Old 8-11-7 ... P Murphy
15 003040 ROADWAY (D) (Mrs P Hawkes) P Harris 8-11-7 ... K Mooney
16 210433 ROYAL NORMAN (B) (Mrs M Brisbourne) A Brisbourne 8-11-7 M Brisbourne
29 002f03 BRIGHT OASSIS (Lt-Col E Phillips) K Bailey 8-11-0 ... A Webb
30 000-002 CAPTAIN KELLY (Mrs M Wiggin) T Forster 6-11-0 ... Mr R Dunwoody 4
45 pf-uu0u GENERAL PEARL (Mrs J Fraser) Mrs J Fraser 9-11-0 ... J Suthern
46 010000 GOOD AS EVER (A Brown) G Kindersley 7-11-0 ... A Webber
50 /00-p00 HAYSTACK'S FLYER (P Hayward) P Hayward 9-11-0 ... S Jobar
57 2f0b0f KILTON JIM (Mrs R Dimond) R Dimond 8-11-0 ... –
60 03-0p00 LE VERT GALLANT (P Barber) J Thorne 6-11-0 ... P Scudamore
61 f-p0up0 LEWIS BUILT (B) (B Coombes) M Stevens 8-11-0 ... Philip Hobbs
69 400-f4p POMME D'AFRIQUE (M Ridgeway) S May 8-11-0 ... S May
70 000000 POOR EXCUSE (O Henley) O Henley 9-11-0 ... W Worthington 7
94 0000pf ROYALDYNE (B) (B Clarke) W Mann 7-10-9 ... R Mann
96 00b00-4 SPLENDID ACE (J Jewell) J Jewell 7-10-9 ... R Hoare
100 0 GONZO (I Forbes) E Jones 5-10-5 ... M Brennan
1983: Flashys Pal 6-10-7 G Charles-Jones (14-1) R Hickman 18 ran.
5-2 Bright Oassis, 100-30 Captain Kelly, 4 Rheinford, 5 Good As Ever, 6 Royal Norman.

2.0 PITCHCROFT NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £861: 2m 4f) (25 runners)

2 00 AFRICAN STAR (Mrs L Bertram) R Keenor 5-11-2 ... C Brown
4 000 BRACKLEY (Maincrest Ltd) D Barons 6-11-2 ... J Frost
8 00f0 DEEP PROSPECT (BF) (Shaikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-2 ... R Linley
10 f0 FLUID (H Collins) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-2 ... S Morshead
12 00f FUN PARTNER (Mrs G Phillips) T Forster 5-11-2 ... K Mooney
16 /320u-0 HIGHLAND LINE (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 7-11-2 ... W Smith
19 00p LANACRE BRIDGE (A Hobbs) A Hobbs 7-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs 4
20 00b0-0 LAST TRAIL (M Wilesmith) M Wilesmith 5-11-2 ... R Hyett
21 0-000 MASSIMO (K Malle) C Jackson 5-11-2 ... J Bryan
25 p-p0 MORGAN'S PEARL (Mrs J Chadwick) Mrs J Chadwick 7-11-2 ... Mr R Faulkner
29 0-02020 PROOF WRITER (Mrs K Seel) N Henderson 6-11-2 ... –
31 30p-0p0 SNAPPER CREEK (John Gray Ltd) O O'Neill 8-11-2 ... J Suthern
32 0000p STIKIT'S BROTHER (Mrs P Blackburn) Miss S Morris 6-11-2 ... M O'Halloran
34 00 ANNA'S MITE (J Blakeney) R Blakeney 5-10-11 ... Miss J Blakeney 7
35 220-022 CELTIC WALL (BF) (Mrs K Hayward) P Cundell 5-10-11 ... J Francome
36 02-30p0 EVENING SONG (Mrs J Skelton) B Stevens 5-10-11 ... R Muggeridge 7
39 00-f00 LEAWELL (J Dalton) J Dalton 5-10-11 ... P Barton
40 pp0 LEVANTER ROSE (A Strange) L Kennard 5-10-11 ... B Powell 7
42 0-40400 MARANZI (Mrs H Bare) G Doidge 6-10-11 ... –
45 p0/p PARTI–PRISM (R Robinson) R Robinson 9-10-11 ... Mr R Robinson
49 400230 FEELS RIGHT (Shaikh Amin Dahlawi) D Nicholson 4-10-7 ... P Scudamore
50 403240 GALLANT NATIVE (S Bridge) S Bridge 4-10-7 ... M Morris 4
51 2p0004 GREAT SHADOW (J Bukovets) J Bukovets 4-10-7 ... R Stronge
53 ppp0 SPANKING (I Maddocks) I Maddocks 4-10-7 ... G Davies
58 p LUCKY LENA (S Torr) S Torr 4-10-2 ... –
1983: Royscript 6-11-7 J Suthern (9-1) J Chugg 18 ran.
11-4 Celtic Well, 7-2 Highland Line, 5 Deep Prospect, Feels Right, 7 Gallant Native.

2.30 ST BARNABAS NOVICE CHASE (Div II: £1,206: 2m 4f) (15)

23 142000- BALLYWELL (M Clarke) F Yardley 9-11-0 ... C Smith
27 0 BLIND CERTAINTY (P Wrigley) J Edwards 6-11-0 ... P Warner
28 f0f03p BOXBERGER CADLA (Mrs M Jackson) Mrs M Jackson 7-11-0 ... R Crank
33 0003-00 CHELSEA ISLAND (W Taylor) A Taylor 9-11-0 ... J Burke
38 f30p00 DO OR DIE (B) (Mrs L O'Neill) O O'Neill 7-11-0 ... J Suthern
40 0-04pp4 EASY FELLA (B) (A Wilson) R Armytage 10-11-0 ... A Webber
42 3-b003u EMMASON (G Barley) J Spearing 9-11-0 ... S Morshead
43 000-000 FARMER (R Hawker) R Hawker 9-11-0 ... M Richards 4
48 000/f-p GUY'S FOLLY (S Richards) Mrs C Richards 9-11-0 ... –
52 fp30-0p HOPE AGAIN (G Small) G Small 8-11-0 ... P Leach
56 0000p4 JYMARIO (B) (K Bell) D Wintle 6-11-0 ... R Hyett
65 100000 NORFOLK STORM (B) (T Purnell) L Kennard 6-11-0 ... B Powell 7
73 f40f22 ROUGH WIND (C Loggin) C Loggin 8-11-0 ... R Mann
82 00f000- WHITCLIFFE (P Dickin) K White 9-11-0 ... R Dickin
102 020000 RAISE THE OFFER (APD Insulations) P Taylor 5-10-0 ... R Chapman 4
1983: Prince Rowan 7-11-0 G Bradley (15-8 fav) M W Dickinson 16 ran.
9-4 Rough Wind, 3 Emmason, 5 Norfolk Storm, 8 Do Or Die, 10 Easy Fella, 12 Chelsea Island, 16 others.

3.0 PORTLAND WALK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£509: 2m) (14)

3 040240 RINGABING (M Saunders) W Fisher 6-11-8 ... Steve Knight
5 0pp FLOWERFARM (B) (K Howard) J Bradley 4-11-6 ... G Davies
9 u0-0010 KEEP SAUNTERING (D) (W G Turner) W Turner 5-11-3 ... –
10 fb0222 WHATTON MARINA (D) (BF) (W Payling) P Felgate 6-11-1 ... –
11 01000 TEDDINGTON JEWEL (R Frost) R Frost 4-11-0 ... J Frost
12 000 DAVID HENRYS (D Currie) M Usher 4-10-10 ... M Bastard
13 000003 KATE THE SHREW (B) (Maj R Thorman) C James 4-10-9 ... –
14 0000 BLAKESWARE DANCER (A Vidler) R Blakeney 4-10-8 ... Philip Hobbs
15 000000/ ROCHE GIRL (S Torr) S Torr 6-10-8 ... –
16 p032 WHEELS DISCO (D Lorrimer-Roberts) R Juckes 4-10-8 ... P Carvill
17 0p0003 PRINCEWHISTLEFIELD (G Turk) D Wintle 4-10-7 ... Mrs D Tsakarisianos
19 0/0pp03 HENRYS WENCH (A White) R Keenor 5-10-7 ... C Brown
20 00prp0 PONTOS (Mrs P Blackburn) Miss S Morris 5-10-7 ... M O'Halloran
22 0f0uf0 LOOKING FOR GOLD (P Pritchard) P Pritchard 6-10-7 ... A Webber
1983: Claymore 6-10-7 R Stronge (9-2 fav) J Townson 18 ran.
5-2 Wheels Disco, 100-30 Whatton Marina, 9-2 Keep Sauntering, 8 Princewhistlefield.

3.30 KING JOHN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,327: 3m 5f) (13)

2 034u14 HERR CAPITAN (D) (A Whettam) J Old 8-11-7 ... Mr E Whettam
9 p004f4 BRIDGE ASH (C,D) (J Johnson) J Johnson 11-10-6 ... A Webber
10 212203 WOODLANDS LAD (P Pritchard) P Pritchard 9-10-2 ... P Dever 4
11 p-1p2f4 PETER SCOT (G Amey) D Gandolfo 13-10-1 ... P Barton
13 4-p0pp4 RIB LAW (C,D) (B) (M Spedding) J Wright 10-10-0 ... K Mooney
14 304p32 SALKELD (Ld Zetland) N Crump 12-10-0 ... C Hawkins
15 4-02u23 BRAVE JACK (Mrs W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 8-10-0 ... S Morshead
16 114-ufp CORBY WOOD (B Babbage) D Wintle 10-10-0 ... J Suthern
17 1f202p FOXBURY (S Richards) Mrs C Richards 10-10-0 ... –
18 p3011p PAMPAS MELODY (Mrs V Hurst) R Frost 8-10-0 ... J Frost
19 3p0u30 MR ORYX (F Yardley) F Yardley 11-10-0 ... R Crank
21 p0-f04p VULRORY'S PIE (Mrs H Dowson) K White 7-10-0 ... R Dickin
22 pp0-0p0 OTTERDEN (F Matthews) R Juckes 10-10-0 ... Mr G Williams 7
1983: Lucky Vane 8-11-5 J Burke (7-4 fav) G Balding 7 ran.
7-2 Woodlands Lad, 4 Herr Capitan, 5 Salkeld, 6 Peter Scot, 8 Brave Jack, 10 Pampas Melody, Foxbury, 14 others.

4.0 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£1,391: 2m) (14)

1 p1-2300 FILLETTS FARM (D) (BF) (G Haywood) T Forster 10-11-10 ... Mr R Dunwoody 7
2 41-3232 FATHER GLEB (Miss C Allsopp) T Forster 8-11-10 ... A Webber
3 0-02p20 EARLY THIRTIES (D,B) (N Stephens) J Spearing 10-11-7 ... P Warner
4 00p30p VIRIBUS (T Peake) Earl Jones 8-11-2 ... M Brennan
5 0u333f BALLYCARN (L Kennard) L Kennard 9-11-0 ... B Powell 7
7 pf000-1 CHRYSIPPOS (D) (D Price) M Scudamore 7-10-8 ... P Scudamore
8 00000f CUDAR (R Manning) R Manning 6-10-2 ... E Waite
9 0300fp DERWENT KING (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 7-10-1 ... R Dickin
10 00224u LLOYD ARDUA (A Blackham) B Cambidge 11-10-0 ... C Mann
12 300-p0p SWEET ENCHANTMENT (Mrs J Skelton) B Stevens 7-10-0 ... R Muggeridge 7
13 120ppp SINGING FOOL (A Bateson) D Jermy 8-10-0 ... M Kinane
14 34pp-40 SENRAB (C Barnes) J Old 8-10-0 ... S Morshead
16 up-f0pp KINGS MARKER (M Stevens) Mrs P Stevens 5-10-0 ... W Morris 4
17 040- BIG BELLA (O Henley) O Henley 7-10-0 ... W Elderfield 7
1983: (3m) Spaced Out 8-10-1 S Morshead (8-1) T Bailey 18 ran.
11-4 Filletts Farm, 7-2 Father Gleb, 4 Ballycarn, 7 Early Thirties, 8 Chrysippos, 10 Lloyd Ardua, 14 others.

4.30 ST BARNABAS NOVICE CHASE (Div III: £1,199: 2m 4f) (15)

11 /23-134 PALMYRA-COURT (D) (BF) (C Bowden) F Winter 8-11-7 ... J Francome
26 04/0ppp BLACK CLOUD (B) (Mrs A Dower) G Thorner 8-11-0 ... R Kington
34 30032f CLONEEN KING (E Noden) P Ransom 9-11-0 ... –
37 23f10/4 DENSTON (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 7-11-0 ... P Scudamore
51 000-003 HOODED CROW (Miss A Usborne) J Friday 8-11-0 ... P Barton
58 23p-p00 LANDED GENT (D Tylden-Wright) S Mellor 7-11-0 ... G Charles-Jones 4
63 0032/03 MANSTON MARAUDER (Lt-Col E Harries) J Fox 8-11-0 ... –
64 0-p4f0p MEL TOR (B) (T Whitley) Mrs E Kennard 7-11-0 ... P Richards
78 0/00040 TWO AZURE (B) (M Motley) P Bailey 9-11-0 ... G Newman
80 0-0 VENTURE TO DANCE (V Bishop) V Bishop 7-11-0 ... Mr G Mernagh 7
85 022221 SANDWALKER (G Billinge) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-12 ... S Morshead
87 04340f BUY NOW (M Gallagher) L Kennard 6-10-9 ... C Brown
88 1403-2p CELTIC SLAVE (B Hellyer) T Forster 7-10-9 ... Mr R Dunwoody 4
89 00-040p DESILOPSIS (B) (Dr J Disney) R Armytage 6-10-9 ... A Webber
99 000-000 COME ON SONNY (R Forster) K White 5-10-5 ... M Brisbourne
1983: Triska 7-11-7 J Francome (7-4 fav) L Kennard 16 ran.
8-11 Palmyra-Court, 6 Denston, Sandwalker, 10 Celtic Slave, 12 Landed Gent, 16 Hooded Crow, 20 others.

5.0 ST BARNABAS NOVICE CHASE (Div IV: £1,197: 2m 4f) (15)

2 430p4p BARGELLO SON (Mrs J White) N Kernick 7-11-7 ... M Yeoman 7
8 1p0433 LANDING BOARD (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-11-7 ... –
31 00fp CASSANOVA'S STORY (A Netley) J Thorne 6-11-0 ... R Hoare
36 020-fpf CRACKMORE LAD (J Dimond) R Dimond 8-11-0 ... Mr A Sharpe
39 fp0-332 DOUBLE PAST (MRs P Mitford-Slade) T Forster 7-11-0 ... Mr R Dunwoody 4
53 000000/ HUMBER PRINCE (G Jones) 8-11-0 ... D Fisher 7
54 0000/00 ICOMB HOUSE (Mrs J Chadwick) Mrs J Chadwick 9-11-0 ... Mr R Faulkner
68 44p340 PLAY THE KNAVE (C De P Berry) P Bailey 7-11-0 ... A Webber
74 100 ROUSPETER (A Dennis) D Nicholson 7-11-0 ... P Scudamore
76 f244pp SEVEN ACRES (Mrs A D'Arcy) I Wardle 6-11-0 ... L Mooney
81 0-02ppp WATCHET (Mrs I Millar) W Fisher 8-11-0 ... E Waite
86 4f0-03f ALL OUR YESTERDAYS (M Low) M Scudamore 7-10-9 ... Mr M Low 4
90 03-0f00 DOUCEMENT (Mrs B Cobden) J Cobden 8-10-9 ... Philip Hobbs
93 p JUSTE MERRY (Cherry Tree Stables) S Harris 6-10-9 ... –
95 p ROYAL MONEY (K Bishop) K Bishop 7-10-9 ... J Hurst 7
1983: No corresponding division.
11-4 Landing Board, 3 Double Past, 9-2 Play The Knave, 7-2 Rouspeter, 8 All Our Yesterdays, 12 Bargello Son, Doucement, 16 others.

5.30 PITCHCROFT NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £857: 2m 4f) (25)

3 43-021 MISTER BOOT (R Weatherall) O O'Neill 5-11-12 ... M Caswell 7
7 pf0- ANGUS OVADA (R Morris) R Morris 9-11-2 ... W Knox 7
10 CLASSICAL LINES (Mrs W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 5-11-2 ... J Bryan
13 p0p CUCKOO MILL (Williams) M Scudamore 5-11-2 ... –
16 EASTER NIGHT (M Wiles) T Forster 5-11-2 ... Mr R Dunwoody 4
18 3000 GOLD EPEE (I Stungo) D Nicholson 6-11-2 ... P Scudamore
21 24300-0 MAJOR SETBACK (H Cox) R Holder 5-11-2 ... P Richards
22 000pp/0 MOLTEN METAL (Mrs D Jenks) R Blakeney 6-11-2 ... R Linley
23 u2000-3 PACIFIC SPARKLER (Mrs A Cheshire) J Thorne 5-11-2 ... –
25 p RODERICK ANTHONY (Exors G Arrowsmith) T Forster 6-11-2 ... A Webber
27 00 SOME MELODY (Mrs L Sewell) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-2 ... S Morshead
29 2-04300 SQUIRE TRELAWNY (B) (G Noye) D Barons 7-11-2 ... –
31 00 THRYLOS (County Garages) A Chamberlain 5-11-2 ... A Chamberlain
33 000 TORSIDE (G Bisgrove) K Bishop 5-11-2 ... J Hurst 7
34 040000/ ATLANTA LADY (E Kite) P Hayward 6-10-11 ... –
35 CHANNING GIRL (M Tate) M Tate 5-10-11 ... C Smith
37 00 LAVERNIA (J Pryce) J Pryce 5-10-11 ... –
39 p MAGGIE DEE (Mrs V Hurst) R Frost 7-10-11 ... J Frost
40 04p PYJAMA GAME (Mrs D Cheshire) Mrs E Kennard 7-10-11 ... P Stone 7
42 000 BAY CITY ROLLER (Mrs P Blackburn) Miss S Morris 4-10-7 ... M O'Halloran
43 0000 BIRDSEDGE (B) (Mrs P Woodfield) J Bradley 4-10-7 ... G Davies
44 000 COYOR (B Chambers) R Blakeney 4-10-7 ... B De Haan
51 0 CHANELLE (B Cambidge) B Cambidge 4-10-2 ... Mr J Cambidge 4
52 p CLAIR SOLEIL (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 4-10-2 ... R Dickin
53 u203 KITTY WREN (B Hicks) B Hicks 4-10-2 ... G Jones
1983: Jubilee Lights 6-11-3 P Nicholls (13-2) J Townson 15 ran.
3 Squire Trelawny, 7-2 Mister Boot, 5 Easter Night, 6 Gold Epee, 8 Pacific Sparkler, 10 Kitty Wren, 12 Some Melody, Major Setback, 18 others.

Worcester selections

1.30 Bright Oassis. 2.0 Celtic Well. 2.30 Emmason. 3.0 Whatton Marina. 3.30 Herr Capitan. 4.0 Filletts Farm, 4.30 Sandwalker, 5.0 Landing Board, 5.30 Squire Trelawny.

Kelso

GOING: good

2.15 HEITON NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £625: 2m) (15 runners)

2 021000 NERO WOLF (D) (Mrs M Brennan) O Brennan 7-11-8 ... M Brennan
5 03-0 HARTSIDE HILL (Mrs T Dun) T Dun 5-11-1 ... Mr P J Dun 7
6 0000 NORTHUMBRIA SPORT (B) (T Barnett) R Fisher 5-11-1 ... Mr M Meagher 7
7 000004- PRINCE SOL (Exors J T Jeffrey) T Jeffrey 5-11-1 ... Mr T Jeffrey 7
10 STATES GENERAL (R Mitchell) Denys Smith 5-11-1 ... Mr J Walton
11 03-4032 TARCHIN (B) (J Lees) S Leadbetter 7-11-1 ... M Barnes
13 0 THE MILITARY GENT (Mrs V Gilmour) J Gilmour 9-11-1 ... T G Dun
14 000000 COLISLACE (H McConnell) H McConnell 6-10-10 ... Mr D Robertson
15 0020-03 DEEP LOVE (T Glendinning) R Fisher 6-10-10 ... J O'Neill
16 0300p/0 DOJUMOLA (K Wilson) W Storey 6-10-10 ... K Teelan 4
17 00-10 JEMMA LOUISE (Lt-Comdr W Crawford) W Crawford 5-10-10 ... D Coakley 7
18 p BANTEL BOWMAN (Bantel Ltd) C H Bell 4-10-7 ... R O'Leary
19 0pp00 CONWAY GROVE (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 4-10-7 ... A Stringer
20 HUBLI (A Lumley-Frank) C H Bell 4-10-7 ... P Tuck
22 024 TAXODIUM (Mrs V Thompson) V Thompson 4-10-7 ... Mr M Thompson 7
1983: Connector 4-11-0 C Grant (Evens fav) J S Wilson 9 ran.
7-4 Tarchin, 5-2 Deep Love, 5 States General, 6 Nero Wolf, 8 Hubli, 14 Taxodium, 16 others.

2.45 GREENLAW NOVICE CHASE (£836: 2m 196yd) (11)

1 114p21 ALLERLEA (Mrs G Watson) C H Bell 8-11-10 ... P Tuck
2 0p003-1 COEUR VALLIANT (R Adamson) V Thompson 6-11-10 ... Mr M Thompson 7
4 p01224 BELCRAIG (Ld Kilmany) Ld Kilmany 9-11-5 ... C Pimlott
5 pfCf00 ALLI–RECO (F Watson) F Watson 6-11-0 ... N Doughty
6 04b0-00 BINGE (J Aynsley) J Aynsley 6-11-0 ... Mr J Walton
7 00-04f4 CASTALLACK (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-0 ... –
8 000002 CLICKHAM LAD (M Morley) N Chamberlain 6-11-0 ... A Stringer
9 /00p-pp ERSKINE LAD (W Wilson) W A Stephenson 8-11-0 ... R Lamb
10 0300-03 HAZY GLEN (J Graham) T Barnes 6-11-0 ... M Barnes
12 0000 MUCKLERIDGE (R Nixon) R Nixon 6-11-0 ... Mr C Storey 7
16 0/p0000 BARNS LASS (Mrs D Culham) Mrs D Culham 7-10-9 ... T G Dun
1983: Press Gang 8-11-10 T G Dunn (2-1) J Wilson 7 ran.
9-4 Allerlea, 3 Coeur Valliant, 5 Belcraig, 8 Hazy Glen, 8 Castallack, 10 Clickham Lad, 12 others.

3.15 CROALL BRYSON LAND ROVER HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £836: 3m) (7)

1 21f4-4 ARTHUR'S BELL (D) (A Wight) J Wight 8-11-12 ... Mr A Wight 7
2 2120-11 GAYLE WARNING (CD) (J Dudgeon) J Dudgeon 10-11-12 ... Mr A Dudgeon
5 p/04234 COLONEL HENRY (CD) (Mrs C Braithwaite) Mrs C Braithwaite 8-11-7 Mr R Drysdale 7
6 ffpp- LARRY HILL (Mrs J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 9-11-7 ... –
7 1212/2- QUEENSBERRY LAD (CD) (W Macmillan) W Macmillan 12-11-7 Mr G Macmillan
8 uf0-0R WHISKEY PETE (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 9-11-7 ... Mr T J Dun 7
10 pb300-4 LADY BUTTONS (A Sanderson) Miss J Sanderson 10-11-2 ... Mr N Tutty 7
1983: Youghal 7-11-10 P Greenhall (5-1) W A Stephenson 8 ran.
Evens Gayle Warning, 3 Queensbury Lad, 6 Colonel Henry, 10 Lady Buttons, 12 Arthur's Bell.

3.45 HEITON NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £621: 2m) (15)

1 /00-221 COOL ANDY (D) (H Rebanks) H Rebanks 6-11-8 ... P A Charlton
3 100 DOROTHY BREWIS (D) (R Tyrer) G Richards 5-11-3 ... N Doughty
4 00003 ALWAYS HOPEFUL (Pacejewel Ltd) C H Bell 6-11-1 ... P Tuck
6 0-0b KINGS KETCHUP (Mrs J straker) W H Crawford 5-11-1 ... D Coakley 7
7 fff038 LOCH RYAN HOUSE (Mrs M Brennan) O Brennan 7-11-1 ... M Brennan
9 0-000 SANDIFOOT (Mrs L Fraser) J Haldane 5-11-1 ... R Lamb
10 22/0040 SWAFFHAM (S Leadbetter) S Leadbetter 5-11-1 ... A Brown
11 000401 TOT (D) (T Gledson) Denys Smith 4-11-0 ... D Thompson 7
13 /0-4000 DUNSINANE (R McDonald) R McDonald 6-10-10 ... K Jones
15 00003 FASKIN (H McConnell) H McConnell 5-10-10 ... Mrs A Robertson
16 0- GIRO STREAK (J Crichton) T Barnes 5-10-10 ... M Barnes
17 f GLENDYKE (W Storey) W Storey 5-10-10 ... E McIntyre
18 11 CHEERS (D) (R Gunner) M W Dickinson 4-10-7 ... R Earnshaw
20 00u FOOTWORK (J Andrews) J Andrews 4-10-7 ... Mrs S Bradburne
21 120004 RAGABURY (A Kennedy) R Fisher 4-10-7 ... J O'Neill
1983: First April 7-11-5 P A Charlton (10-1) T Cuthbert 10 ran.
2-7 Cheers, 5 Cool Andy, 8 Tot, 12 Dorothy Brewis, 16 Ragabury, 20 others.

4.15 KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£1,379: 3m) (13)

6 23-0222 WHAT A COUP (CD) (T Dalgetty) T Dalgetty 9-11-7 ... S Charlton
7 121p00 MR SNUGFIT (D) (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 7-11-6 ... P Tuck
8 3u4013 TWIFLIGHT (CD) (G Leadbitter) B Wilkinson 9-11-2 (4 ex) ... R O'Leary
10 11p434 SPRING CHANCELLOR (D) (Mrs M Britton) W A Stephenson 9-11-0 ... K Jones
12 f43003 THREE TO ONE (CD) (D Cavendish-Pell) K Oliver 13-10-11 ... T G Dun
13 13p24-p BETTER RED (C) (Mrs M Christian) W A Stephenson 9-10-6 ... R Lamb
14 114030 BALLYICE (D) (P Simpson) H Wharton 9-10-3 ... J O'Neill
16 0093/3p IMMIGRATE (W Stevenson-Taylor) G Richards 11-10-1 ... N Doughty
18 02300f CAPTAIN PARKHILL (D) (B McLean) B McLean 11-10-0 ... G W Gray
20 0230 JOCKANSEL (D Thomson) D Thomson 8-10-0 ... A Stringer
22 4000/00 NEW FORMULA (CD) (Mrs F Gray) Mrs F Gray 14-10-0 ... Miss T Gray
23 00up-01 OLD HEAD (P Monteith) P Monteith 12-10-0 ... D Nolan
24 3-f40pp VIMY RIDGE (C Alexander) C Alexander 12-10-0 ... A Brown
1983: Peaty Sandy 9-12-3 T G Dun (5-2 fav) Miss H Hamilton 10 ran.
3 Twiflight, 7-2 What A Coup, 9-2 Three To One, 6 Spring Chancellor, 8 Old Head, 10 Ballyice.

4.45 BERRYMOSS HANDICAP HURDLE (£905: 3m 1f 120yd) (12)

1 21-0001 BURN NOOKA (B) (C Alexander) R Fisher 7-12-3 (3 ex) ... Mr M Meagher 7
2 4422u2 CAMDEN (C) (R McDonald) R McDonald 10-12-1 ... J O'Gorman 7
4 0-03044 ISLANDER (Mrs G Weir) Ld Kilmany 12-10-12 ... D Dutton
5 404201 CRAMMOND BRIG (W Jackson) M W Easterby 7-10-8 ... A Dickman
7 p/00u20 GUNSMITH (R Dixon) G Richards 11-10-7 ... D Coakley 7
8 0f4000 RUKOTSO (J Dunn) H Wharton 5-10-4 ... P Tuck
11 000003 FERNEZ (C) (H McConnell) H McConnell 9-10-0 ... Mrs A Robertson
12 p/13p0f RAMOA'S SON (Mrs S Austin) P Curtis 8-10-0 ... D Wilkinson
13 400000 TOONFIT BRIG (G Renilson) G Renilson 11-10-0 ... J O'Neill
15 0-00000 WHATS WHAT (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 5-10-0 ... C Pimlott
16 00/00 CRAIGIE WAY (A Barbour) A Barbour 7-10-0 ... B Storey 4
17 03-p0pp GRID (C Alexander) C Alexander 8-10-0 ... A Brown
1983: Simbad 7-9-7 K Teelan (8-1) R Fisher 12 ran.
11-4 Burn Nooka, 100-30 Islander, 5 Gunsmith, 6 Fernez, 8 Camden, 10 Crammond Brig.

Kelso selections

2.15 Deep Love, 2.45 Allerica, 3.15 Gayle Warning, 3.45 Cheers, 4.15 Spring Chancellor, 4.45 Burn Nooka.

Fontwell results

Going: Firm

2.00 MUNDHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£881, 2m 2f)
BILL HOBBS b g by Salvo-Moeru Bera (Mrs M Easton) 9-11 ... Mr A Jones (33-1) 1
The Vinegar Man ... Miss M O'Brien (25-1) 2
Crown Pageant ... B Powell (100-30 fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £50.40, places £14.00, £6.10, £1.80, £6.00. DF: £156.40. CSF: £608.71. Tricast: £3,119.97. Mrs M Easton at Fordingbridge. 10l, 4l. Law Bench (16-1) 4th. 22 ran. No bid.

2.30 CERTAIN JUSTICE CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap Chase: £2,439: 2m 2f 110yd.)
ZELDA'S FANCY b g by Touch Paper–Lady Aylmer (Primeat Ltd) 9-8-12 ... M Hammond (12-1) 1
Captain Dawn ... P Nicholls (6-1) 2
Cnoc Na Cuille ... R Rowe (9-2) 3
TOTE: win, £7.90, places: £1.60, £2.20, DF: £20.60. CSF: £68.80. H O Neil at Dorking. 2l, 20l. The Somac 11-4 fav, Benny's Boy (7-2) 4th, 7 ran.

3.00 SLINDON COLLEGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,362: 3m 2l.)
SAUCY DANCER b g by Saucy Kit–Dancing Margot (Miss B Sanders) 10-10-0 ... Brooke Sanders (50-1) 1
Gathabawn ... B Powell (9-1) 2
Men's Beau ... P Croucher (11-2) 3
TOTE: win: £47.60; places: £5.40, £2.20, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £606.60. CSF: £368.12. Tricast: £2,318.76. Miss B Sanders at Epsom. 10l, 1½l. Paradise Straits 5-1 fav. Mister Pitt (7-1) 4th. 16 ran.

3.30 CHICHESTER NOVICE CHASE (£1,592: 2m 2f 110yd)
RUN TO ME b g by Clear River–Joyful Tears (N Mitchell) 9-11-2 ... B Powell (5-2 fav) 1
Downpayment ... R Goldstein (6-1) 2
Open Night ... H Davies (14-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.20. Places: £1.30, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £5.50. CSF: £16.50. Tricast: £152.79. N Mitchell at Sherborne. 1l, 5l. Energise (14-1) 4th, 9 ran. NR: Kashil, Hope Gap.

4.00 SLINDON SCHOLARS NOVICE HURDLE (£1,196: 2m 2f
LIGHT TRAVELLER gr or ro g by Roan Rocket – Bellidium (A Duffield) 4 10 12 ... R Goldstein (9-1) 1
Taffy Jones ... P Barton (11-4) 2
Tarleton Elm ... C Brown (11-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £10.70. Places: £3 30, £1.40, £2.60. DF: £22.90. CSF: £33.61. M Masson at Lewes. 2l, 6l. Rhythmic Pastimes 2-1 fav. Start The Music (33-1) 4th. 13 ran.

4.30 CHARLTON HUNTER CHASE (£1,267: 3m 2f 110yd)
MARK'S METHANE b g by Just-A-Monarch–Minaito (Mrs A Campbell) 10-12-0 ... Mr P Hacking (4-1) 1
Polly Major ... Mr T Grantham (25-1) 2
Treywood ... Miss S Waugh (10-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.70. Places: £1.70, £1.90, £1 40. DF: £27.70. CSF: £73.56. Mrs A Campbell at Ashford. 20l, 15l. Welland Copse (11-2) 4th. 9 ran.

Nottingham

Going: good to firm.

1.45 CHARNWOOD NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £794:2m)
CRIMSON KNIGHT b g by Blushing Groom – Smetta (Cherry Tree Stables) 5-11-1 ... S Smith Eccles (20-1) 1
Salford Rental ... P Scudamore (33-1) 2
Derby Dilly ... J O'Neill (4-7 fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £133.30. Places: £19.60, £10.50, £1.00. DF: Winner or 2nd with any other: £8.70. CSF: £531.25 S T Harris at Amersham. Nk, 10l. Breezy Glen (10-1) 4th. 24 ran. NR: Cubic Zirconia

2.15 TRENT HANDICAP CHASE (£1,822: 3m 4f)
TWO SWALLOWS gr g by My Swallow – Two Blues (G Steinberg) 11-10-10 ... A Webber (11-2) 1
Ashley House ... G Bradley (fav) 2
Hill of Slane ... S Smith Eccles (5-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £7.00 Places: £2.30, £1.00. DF: £4 40. CSF £10.04. R Armytage at East Ilsley. 1½l, 12l Lucky Call (8-1) 4th. 6 ran.

2.45 CHARNWOOD NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £773: 2m)
JAYESS b g by Golden Love – Copyright (Mrs D Sutton) 5-10-8 ... Mr M Pitman (7-1) 1
Music Be Magic ... N Doughty (9-1 fav) 2
Fast Lady ... S Smith Eccles (10-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £10.20. Places: £3.80, £1.70, £3.80. DF: £11.90. CSF: £24.15. Mrs J Pitman, Lambourn. 6l, hd. Just Auck (12-1) 4th. 24 ran. Winart (10-1) withdrawn, not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets – deduction 10p in pound.

3.15 DERWENT FOXHUNTERS CHASE (£978: 2m 6f)
MIDNIGHT COURT b g Twilight Alley–Strumpet (Mrs Olive Jackson), 13-12-0 ... Mr N Bloom (13-2) 1
Song Of Life ... Mr P Greenall (4-1 jt fav) 2
Roadhead ... Miss M Wilson (4-1 jt fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £5.40. Places: £2.80, £2.40, £1 30. DF: £18.90 CSF: £31.39. Mrs O Jackson at Wantage. 1½l, 2½l. Gill O'Whiskey 4-1 jt-fav. King Tud (14-1) 4th, 14 ran NR: Connaught Ranger.

3.45 WELLAND NOVICES' CHASE (£1,281: 2m 6f)
SUEZ br g Scottish Rifle-Somalia (Lady Chelsea) 5-10-5 ... A Webber (2-1) 1
Chambesy ... C Mann (16-1) 2
Casal Royale ... K Doolan (7-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.30. Places: £1.40, £4.90. DF: £55.40. CSF: £24.09. T Foster at Letcombe Bassett. 4l, 12l. Palatinate 5-4 fav. B Jaskil (9-1) 4th. 6 ran.

4.15 SOAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,270: 2m 6f)
FAIR CITY b h Charlottown-Fair Amanda (E Taylor) 7-10-0 C McFatrick (50-1) ... 1
Ben Ewen ... W Hayes (11-2) 2
Something Special ... S J O'Neill (10-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £42.70. Places: £9.50, £1.90, £2.50 DF: £165.80 CSF: £272.97 TRICAST: £2,655.18 F Gibson at Sheffield Hd. 1½l Lng 9-4 fav. Gold Measure (15-2) 4th. 10 ran. NR: The Last Prince, Somay.

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Rugby at the crossroads: 1

A more liberal attitude needed over amateurism regulations

Rugby's amateur ethos and the spirit – the moral code even – that it is meant to encourage have frequently been under stress. This is because it belonged originally and essentially to an elite group of bright and breezy gentlemen of public school education and privileged means.

Professionalism in sport was anathema to them; by definition, playing was enjoyed for the intrinsic pleasure it game. There was no other motive. Even winning was distrusted as an objective and it somehow tarnished the ideal. Training and preparation, indeed, were for the scoundrel.

There will be plenty to occupy the thoughts of the International Board at their annual meeting, which begins in London today. While their deliberations continue, our rugby writers look at some contentious aspects of the modern game. Today, GERALD DAVIES talks to Hermas Evans, a former president of the Welsh Rugby Union and a present member of the board, whose six-year rewrite of the laws of the game came to nothing.

If that sounds as if it comes from a different century, we ought to remind ourselves that the last vestiges of that attitude were with us until recently. Not so long ago – the start of the 1960s – Llanelli Grammar School were accused of unscrupulous behaviour and labelled "professionals" when they had the effrontery to train in preparation for the public schools' sevens tournament at Roehampton. When they won, they were not invited back.

Amateurism, in its uncorrupted form, could only survive among the exclusive few, or else bear a logical relationship to those of a different social and economic background and upbringing, and that it has been questioned is not a medern phenomenon in rugby football. The doubt has been there from the beginning.

Rumpus

The controversy over "broken-time" payment in the industrial north saw the split with the Northern Union in 1895 and the origins of the Rugby League. A year later an enormous rumpus broke out in a similar social background when the Newport supporters started a fund to show their appreciation of Wales's greatest player at the time, Arthur Gould, who was about to retire from the game. The other countries huffed and puffed over the matter and cancelled fixtures with Wales. Gould, after some prevarication, settled comfortably into the splendid villa which the supporters presented to him.

If the difficulties in the past have been to make the amateur concept acceptable across the social barriers, in the future the problem might arise over making such an essentially English idea cut across national boundaries where the British influence has played little or no part in history. Amateur sport may not mean much to Latin peoples, or it could mean a lot to such as the North Americans, where leisure is dominated by professional sport.

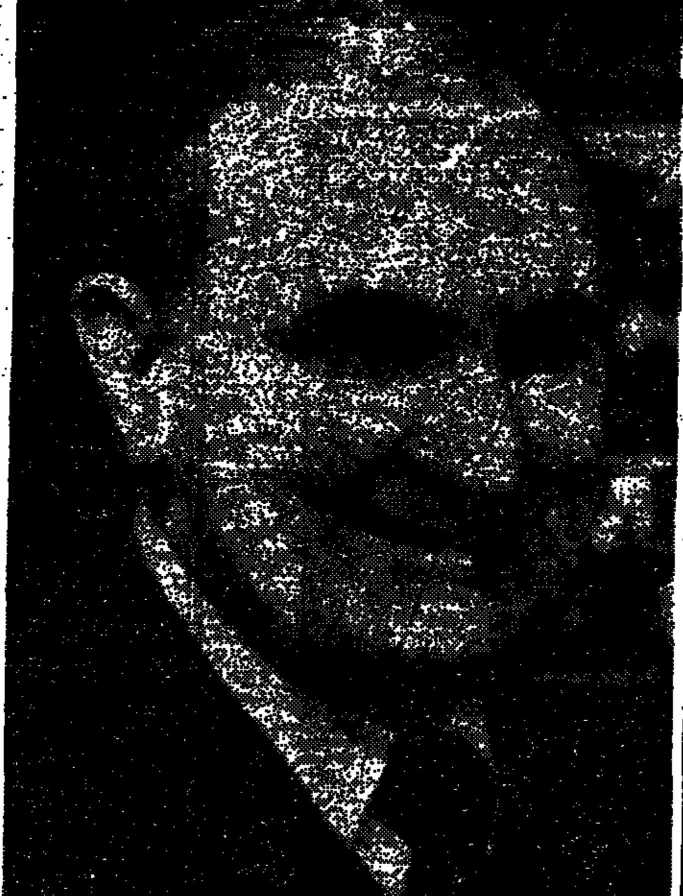
That the game has remained amateur, with the occasional show of human frailty in the face of temptation, is of course testimony to those who have guarded its interests. But, more importantly, it is evidence that the great mass of people at every level every Saturday have no desire to change the game's character. Administrators in other sports have responded to change because the groundswell of opinion within the sport has demanded change, often in extreme circumstances.

It is misleading to think there has been a clamour for change in rugby union. Ray Williams, secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, points out: "This call for change has come from outside the game. There is no pressure for change within rugby itself. There is a strong resistance within the game to this outside pressure. It is something that is being foisted upon us by people who think they know what is good for the game".

Hermas Evans, who has been a member of the International Board for 14 years and, as last year's president of the Welsh RU, had to take all the flak over the so-called "boot money" disclosurers, believes that the regulations relating to amateurism need close scrutiny and reconsideration.

As with the laws of the game, these regulations have been amended and added to in such piecemeal fashion over the years. Moreover, it seems always to have been a case of tightening rather than relaxing them, so that they reflect the mean rather than the generous spirit of rugby. The IB have interpreted their power, as bad manages frequently do, as the power to say no. Ironically, Evans feels, in an attempt to cover the loopholes and adhering too strictly to some nonsensical regulations, the IB may bring the game into disrepute.

The regulations are unreasonable: "Having written a book after retiring, for instance, and accepted the financial rewards", Evans says, "a player is made *permanently ineligible* to take any further role in rugby. As well as being a loss to the game you could say the punishment exceeds the crime, if that is what it is. Furthermore, it is absurd that having taken that personal step across the Rubicon, a player cannot play in any rugby match – charity or otherwise – without, ludicrously, professionalising the other 29 players and the referee, as if it were some kind of disease".



Hermas Evans: Feels a strong sense of disquiet.

Taxable

A player, as in the case of Gould 90 years ago, is not allowed to accept any gift worth more than £50 (last year's figure but unspecified this year). This particular regulation is almost unenforceable and it is only in the most reactionary outpost that it would be observed.

"I don't think that th IB would go far wrong if they accepted that the concept of the regulation should merely ensure that no player should accept money for actually playing the game", Evans said. "The trouble with the present regulations – all 12 pages of them – is that in tightening them up, the IB have gone too far to incorporate activities which are outside the field of play. A distinction might be made between the two aspects."

There is need for change: to be less reactionary and more liberal in attitude. "But in making any changes we still need to be vary. There is a suggestion now that the allowance for tourists should be increased to more than £100 a week. This is something the IB will discuss. This could be extended to include, for instance, to cover the get-together period for squad training and home international weekends.

"But I'm sure that if this is to be the case, then the Inland Revenue might show an interest. Most certainly they would not accept this as an allowable cost for out-of-pocket expenses and would consider it taxable income. These things need to be taken into consideration but I'm not certain whether the IB is capable of dealing with the problem. They are, themselves, amateurs, and haven't the time on their hands.

Evans himself feels a strong sense of disquiet about the role of the IB. For six years he laboured over a rewrite of the laws. "Yet when the time came," he says, "one delegate had the audacity to say that he had glanced over the paper on the flight on the way over to the meeting. He had not read it through. He had glanced at it. The result was the whole project was shelved.

"Yet those referees who've seen it are in agreement that the rewrite desperately needs to be done. The IB is no longer representative of the game. There are more countries playing rugby who are outside their jurisdiction than inside."

That the game had developed on a world scale is no reflection on the IB. It has no formal role to play in that respect. France has accepted its role in Europe. Something similar should have been done in the Americas and South-East Asia. "The IB was brought into being to formulate the laws of the game. This was extended to consider the regulations on amateurism. Also to consider matters of an international nature, such as tours. It has no teeth at all and quite often irregularities and difficulties are referred back to individual unions.

Insular

"As for other, non-member countries, a way has to be found to incorporate them. At the moment no-one has shown any degree of responsibility. If there are any changes in the law, for example, it is only by chance that they filter through to the non-members. The IB is too insular." Associate membership could be the answer. One thing is certain, these countries cannot be left out in the cold.

● *Tomorrow: "In 1984, the international rugby has little to do with sport." David Hands hears the forthright reforming views of Andy Ripley, once England's White Knight.*

BADMINTON

Gilks and partners offer best challenge

By Richard Eaton

The Indonesians, who threatened to pull out Icuk Sugiarto from the Famous Grouse Masters after altercations at Warrington earlier in the season, have made an official complaint that their world champion and Liem Swie King, the World Cup winner, are in the same half of the draw in the All-England championships which begin at Wembley today.

It could, though, hardly have been otherwise because the Badminton Association of England this year has had to follow the International Badminton Federation rules of drawing seeds in to the schedule.

Only the Indonesians and Morten Frost, the top-seeded Dane, have realistic hopes of stopping the Chinese, with Luan Jin, the holder, being unofficial favourite, despite his No 2 seeding.

The prize money has been doubled to £21,800 by new sponsors, Yonex. Even those like the English who have bad draws – Steve Baddeley meets the Indian Prakash Padukone, a former champion, and Nick Yates should meet Jin in the second round – usually find that the sense of occasion is enough to produce top form.

Helen Troke, seeded to reach the women's quarter-finals for the first time is likely there to meet the world champion Li Lingwei.

The singles events are likely to divide in two entirely different moods – the men's full of intense competition, and the women's likely to see matches deteriorating into ritual affairs between Chinese players.

England's most realistic hopes of success once again lie in the doubles, whose Gillian Gilks, at 33, is seeded to win her 11th All-England title, the mixed doubles with Martin Dew; while Mike Tredgett, aged 34, has perhaps his last real chance of the men's doubles title with Dew.

SQUASH RACKETS

64 men to contest championship

With ticket sales already reaching record levels for the final stages of the British Open squash championships, sponsored by Davies and Tate at Wembley from April 6-10, yesterday's draw produced another boost for the event by projecting a potential feast of British interest, and even the possibility of a home champion (Colin McQuillan writes).

The field of 64 men is, as ever, dominated by Jahangir Khan, the 20-year-old champion from Pakistan and Qamar Zaman, his older compatriot, in his second seed position. Few doubt the capability of Jahangir to proceed efficiently to his fourth consecutive British Open title with Hiddy Jahan, the newly naturalized England number one

BRITISH OPEN SEEDINGS: Men: 1, J Khan (Pakistan); 2, Q Zaman (Pak); 3, Gamal Awad (Egy); 4, H Jahan (Eng); 5, S Davenport (NZ); 6, D Williams (Aus); 7, P Kenyon (Eng); 8, C Dittmar (Aus); 9, G Briars (Eng).

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Federation lenient on English laxity

By David Miller

England were temporarily let off the hook at yesterday's Commonwealth Games Federation meeting in London, at which they could have been censured for a breach of the constitution's 1982 code of conduct.

The English Council have not yet written their letter of protest to the Rugby Football Union, a member of a non-Commonwealth Games sport, complaining of the projected tour of South Africa this summer. The RFU are expected to confirm the tour on Friday.

Under the code of conduct almost unanimously approved in Brisbane, from the vote on which England abstained, a Commonwealth Games national association are obliged to protest to the relevant national sports body in the event of any impending breach of the Gleneagles Agreement and simultaneously notify the federation and their own Government of the protest. England will be banned from the 1986 Games in Edinburgh if they do not write such letters.

At yesterday's meeting I understand that Canada and Australia were the most critical of England's laxity, more so even than African nations. The meeting was attended by, among others, Abraham Ordia, president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, and Sam Ramsamy, chairman of the South African non-racial Olympic Committee (SANROC).

But a mood of leniency avoided an official censure. It is thought that Sir Arthur Gold, chairman of the English Council, may eventually accept the need to remain within the constitution until England can propose some amendment.

England's exclusion from the 1986 Games would not necessarily be a financial setback for the Scots because BBC Television have signed the contract for £450,000, which some federation officials considered a success at the time in Brisbane but is clearly a bargain for the BBC, who will recoup most of this from sub contracts with Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

There is some feeling that England, more concerned with the Olympics, do not view the Commonwealth Games with the same national identity significance as Scotland, Ireland and Wales, though certain individual sports are known to be dissatisfied with the isolation risk which the English Council are taking.

Four cities have been confirmed as potential 1990 hosts: Auckland, Perth, (each of which has previously held the Games), New Delhi and Nairobi.

CYCLING

Chance for Jones

By John Wilcockson

Three professionals based on the Continent, Sean Yates, Graham Jones and John Herety, have been selected for the PCA team in the Sealink international, which takes place from April 9 to 14.

Yates, who twice rode the Sealink race as an amateur, rode prominently in the Milan to San Remo classic last Saturday. Jones from Manchester, has had a slow start to this season, and he sees participation in the British race as a stepping stone to the Milk Race.

A virus prevented Herety from competing last Saturday, but he is fast approaching the form which won the British professional championship in 1982.

The team is completed by Tony Doyle, second in last year's Sealink, Shane Sutton, the British-based Australian, and Phil Bayton.

The second of the three teams selected yesterday, the British Professionals, is an interesting combination of youth and experience. It is led by two Commonwealth Games champions, Malcolm Elliott and Bob Downs.

TEAMS: PCA: A Doyle, P Bayton, S Sutton, G Jones, J Herety, S Yates. British Professionals: S Barras, K Lambert, W Nickson, P Thomas, M Elliott, R Downs. England Professionals: I Banbury, N Bloor, N Dean, S Joughin, D Hayton, M Morrison. Great Britain Amateurs: M Bell, J Cavanagh, P Longbottom, P Sanders, D Webster, P Wilkins. England Amateurs: N Martin, J McLoughlin, K Reynolds, G Sadler, C Walker, J Williams.

ATHLETICS

Eastern bloc's returns

Rome (AP) – Soviet-bloc athletes will compete in this year's permit events, following a tightening of the rules by the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF). Millions of dollars of participation money wil be available in these events, Primo Nebiolo, president of the IAAF, announced yesterday, but none of it will be paid directly to athletes or into their trust funds.

Eastern Europeans had refused to take part in the sanctioned invitation meetings in 1983 on the grounds that the rules governing the distribution of participation money were unclear.

"We haven't changed the rules. We have simply reworded them to please the eastern Europeans. They are now satisfied and they have said they will enter our meets this year," Nebiolo said.

"We have upheld the rule that the organizers of the meets must make their contacts with athletes and pay the participation money through the national federations and not directly. Competitors who take money from the organizers will be banned for life as professionals."

In 1985 most of the IAAF events will be included in a grand prix

The IAAF also announced two new international events. The World Indoor Games will be a biannual event in preparation for the World Indoor Championships and the first World Junior Championships will be held in 1986.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PASTORAL MEASURE 1983

The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft pastoral scheme providing for declaring redundant the church of Manningford Abbots (otherwise known as Manningford Abbas), being a chapel of ease in the parish of Manningford Bruce and Abbots (Salisbury diocese), and a draft redundancy scheme providing for appropriating the redundant church of Morecambe Saint Laurence to use as a theatre and for community purposes (Blackburn diocese).

Copies of the draft schemes may be obtained from the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ, to whom any representations should be sent within 28 days of the publication of this notice.

NOTICE OF MEETING
SAVERS ASSURANCE SOCIETY
A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held at the Registered Office, 269 Park Road, Oldham OL4 1RT on Thursday 5th April, 1984 at 10.00 a.m.
AGENDA
1. Minutes of previous Special General Meetings.
2. Amendments to Table SA1 and Table SA1/B.
3. Adoption of Annuity Table(s).
By order of the Committee of Management.
J. Puddifoot, FCIS, MBIM
General Manager & Secretary
15th March, 1984.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Dated this 15th day of MARCH 1984.
BRIAN MELLIS
Liquidator
or Liquidators.

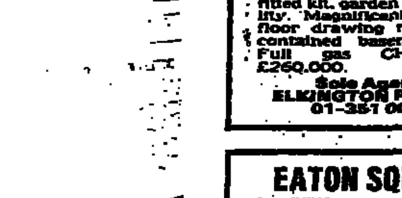
In the Matter of TENDVALE LIMITED and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before the 4th day of April, 1984, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Brian Raymond Mellis F.C.A., c/o Registered Office, of Fenchurch House, 106/107 High Road, South Woodford, London E18 2TP, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 15th day of March 1984.
BRIAN MELLIS F.C.A.
Liquidator

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT – SESSION 1983-84
GREATER LONDON COUNCIL (MONEY)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Greater London Council (in this notice called "the Council") intend, in accordance with the provisions of the London Government Act 1963, as amended by the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, to apply to Parliament in the present Session for leave to bring in a BILL (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:
To regulate the prescribed expenditure of, and expenditure on lending to other persons by, the Council, and expenditure by the London Transport Executive and their wholly-owned subsidiaries which is to be treated for certain purposes of the said Act of 1963 as prescribed expenditure of the Council during the financial period from 1st April 1984 to 30th September 1986.
To define the purposes for which, and the extent to which, the said Council may, during the said period, expend money, or are to be treated as having expended money, by way of prescribed expenditure.
To define the persons to whom, and the extent to which, the Council may, during the said period, lend money.
On and after the first day on which the House of Commons sits after Easter a copy of the Bill may be inspected, and copies thereof may be obtained at the price of fifty pence each, at the offices of the undersigned.
Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a petition against it in either or both Houses of Parliament. The latest date for the deposit of such a petition in the First House is the tenth day after the First Reading of the Bill in that House or, if the House is not sitting on that day, the next day on which the House sits. Further information regarding the deposit of petitions may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undersigned Parliamentary Agents.
DATED this 20th day of March 1984.
J. R. FITZPATRICK, The County Hall, London SE1 7PB, Solicitor to the Council, Greater London Council (6487)
DYSON BELL & CO, 15 Great College Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3RX, Parliamentary Agents.






Property Buyers' Guide

North of the Thames

Residential property

Budget pointers to a buoyant market

Now that the entrails of the Budget have been read, and the reduction of the mortgage interest rate noted, the omens are good for the residential property market.

There is no longer any need to rely on the optimistic forecasts of estate agents, or even the overstated reactions by newspapers, to be confident that house prices will rise in the next few months and that "buoyant" will fairly describe the activities of the market, certainly until the summer.

Further confirmation came from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors yesterday in their survey of the movement of house prices during the quarter ending in February. The institution interpreted the results of the survey among 294 agents throughout England and Wales as confirming indications of an upward trend in prices. In areas other than those with the highest unemployment, half the estate agents reported a price increase of 2 per cent in the quarter; 14 per cent showed rises of 5 per cent; and a handful reported increases of 8 per cent, a trend accentuated in the South-east.

That was all before the events of last week, which saw the raising of the threshold for stamp duty from £25,000 to £30,000, halving the 2 per cent stamp duty maximum, and a reduction in the mortgage rate of 1 per cent. Those measures will add momentum to the movement in prices, but before the cry of "gazumping" is heard, it must be put in perspective.

Mr John Thomas, housing market spokesman for the RICS, admits it is tempting to say that prices will shoot ahead because of the decisions, and because of the balance of supply and demand which tilted twoards demand. The demand for houses in many areas – and again the South-east is the main example – is beginning to exceed supply, he says.

Put in other words by Mr David Mitchell, of Savills, "The market is terribly short of good property, whether it is a studio flat in the centre of London or a 20-room mansion in the country. There is a lot of rubbish about, but there is tremendous competition for high quality property."

While demand will push prices up, however, and although the recent measures will give an even greater confdence to the market, Mr Thomas is not convinced that the conditions exist for the soaring price increase of the 1970s.

He points out that earnings were then higher, and that there was much lower unemployment. Inflation was higher, which not only helped prices up but helped those who wanted to buy at a higher price, and although finance is now easier to obtain than a few years ago, it is still more expensive than it was.

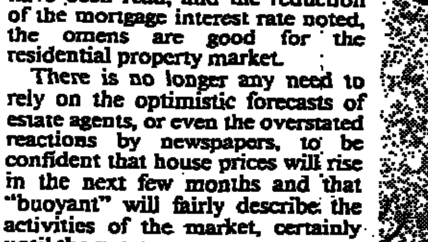
In the circumstances, he believes that prices will not reach "boom proportions" and that while the market will be buoyant in the spring, the mood of super-confidence could begin to evaporate by the end of the summer especially if – as he suggests – interest rates begin to go up again.

For similar reasons, Mr Thomas rejects the fear that gazumping, a word already being whispered as prices surge upwards, could endanger the market. He detects a change of mood in which vendors are beginning to realize that the system works both ways, and if they attempt to gazump, then it can just as easily happen to them.

"In a sellers' market it is always a danger, but it is not as great a danger as it used to be", he says.

Advice for those about to buy and sell is difficult. In a sellers' market, if you decide to sell your house first, you buy on an increasing price curve and thus may have to pay more than you wish. If you buy first, there is the danger that you will hold up the market by delaying the sale. "It is a Catch 22 situation, but on balance it is sensible to see what you can buy first", Mr Thomas concludes.

David Mitchell of Savills has no doubt that the pressure is on. Given the demand for good property, "anything of a financial nature which helps the buyer will give him more leverage in his bid and that can only stake up the market".



Westwood House, an Elizabethan mansion near Droitwich, Worcestershire, has survived more changes in the mortgage rate than most properties. John D Wood, of London, and Banks and Silvers, of Worcester, joint agents, are offering the impressive ground-floor suite for sale on a 999-year lease at around £125,000. Westwood House was converted into exclusive apartments in the 1950s, overlooking parkland and Westwood Lake. The suite includes a banqueting hall, two principal bedroom suites and two further bedrooms. The house has a private courtyard and grounds of nearly 2 acres.

On the subject of gazumping, he says it depends how much people believe "their word is their bond", and adds that with increasing demand there will be extra pressure on the purchaser if he or she really wants a property. "I think we will see more gazumping, because people will go all out for something they want", he adds.

Another ingredient of the Budget was the extension of VAT payable on repairs to buildings, to cover alterations and improvements, which is bad for both the house-owner and the building industry. The cost of moving is so high – around 6 per cent of the value of the house – that may people have "stayed put", and have made alterations and extensions instead. The VAT which will now have to be added to such works can make a substantial difference to the costs, and may encourage more people to move – another factor in the rising housing market.

The extension of VAT could also have an effect on the housing stock. The latest *English House Condition Survey* showed that most of those living in the very worst housing could not, without grants, afford to finance the necessary remedial work.

Mr Harry Barclay, chairman of the National Home Improvement Council, believes that VAT, far from being extended, should be dropped on housing repairs and maintenance, and a tax allowance restored to be set off against the cost of repairs.

"The home improvement grant system should be reviewed and houses defined as unfit should be entitled to a mandatory grant similar to the present intermediate grant applicable where there is a lack of basic amenitites", he contends.

That is a case to be argued in the future, but for the present the recent developments in the market indicate a busy time in the weeks ahead. Individual estate agents and builders alike recommend purchasers to move quickly, and the National Association of Estate Agents described last week as a "momentous one for the housing market".

On this occasion this is more likely to be an accurate assessment than wishful thinking.

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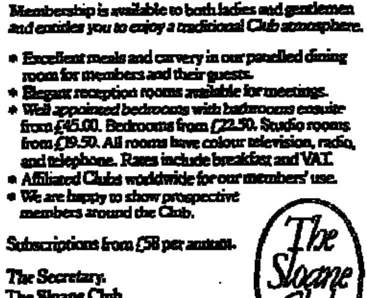
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television preview at 6.55; review of the morning papers at 7.18 and 8.18; Mike Smith with the new Top Twenty between 7.55 and 8.00; horoscopes at 8.33
9.00 Bellamy on Botany. In part five of his series professor Bellamy pickles an oak tree (r). 9.25 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School presented by Brian Jameson (r). 10.55 Gharbar. Magazine programme of interest to Asian women. This month representatives of the All Pakistan Women's Association talk about the activities of their organization. 11.20 Ceefax.
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles) 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Bod. (r).
2.00 Caught in Time. James Cameron introduces a pre-war film, made by a Nottingham factory owner, of holidays in Skegness and of workers on his shop floor (r). 2.20 Film: Holiday Affair* (1949) starring Robert Mitchum. Who will war-widow Connie wed? Respectable Carl or Steve the drifter? With Janet Leigh and Wendell Corey. Directed by Don Hartman. 3.48 News headlines.
3.50 Magic Roundabout (r). 3.55 Play School, presented by Chloe Ashcroft. 4.20 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse. 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Pentaghost (r). 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Moonfleet. Episode five of the six-part smuggling yarn. (Ceefax titles page 170).
5.40 Sixty Minutes includes news from Moira Stuart at 5.40; and a profile of Betty Callaway, Torvill and Dean's coach.
6.40 Harty. Russell's guests include the founder of the modern hospice, Dame Cicely Saunders.
7.10 Medical Express includes arguments for making the wearing of back seatbelts law and a step-by-step guide on how to persuade a health authority to re-distribute its budget.
7.40 The Day of the Triffids. Part three and Bill and Jo face threats from a panic stricken public and rampaging plants (r).
8.10 Fame. The staff of the drama school are concerned over the blossoming of Bruno's affair with student-teacher; Lisa.
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
9.05 News with Sue Lawley.
9.30 The Other Half. The final programme of the series features Victor Lownes and Marilyn Cole (see Choice).
10.00 Sportsnight introduced by Harry Carpenter. There is a preview of the World Figure Skating Championships; and examination of the Italian football scene; and highlights of the final day's play in the third Test Match between Pakistan and England in Lahore.
10.55 Ballroom Champions. Highlights of the United Kingdom Ballroom Championships introduced by Ray Moore from the Hammersmith Palais.
11.45 News headlines and weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and John Stapleton. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; the day's odd anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.05; a guest in the Spotlight at 7.20; cartoon at 7.25; Pat Phoenix at 7.40, 8.45 and 9.12; pop video at 7.55; magic moments at 8.10; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.35.

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9.25 Thames news headlines 9.30 For Schools: The changes in children's magazines 9.47 Alerting children to dangers 10.04 A farm in the spring 10.21 Falkland Tales 10.48 History: Mao's Cultural Revolution 11.10 The art of the glassblower 11.22 Maths: number, shape and measurement 11.39 How we used to live: the death of King George VI.
12.00 Flicks. Christopher Lillicrap and the story of The Three Robbers 12.10 Sounds Like a Story. Mark Wynter and the tale of The Three Wishes (r) 12.30 Three Little Words Quiz game for married couples.
1.00 News 1.20 Thames news 1.30 A Plus. Kay Avila talks to Dr David Haslam, an expert on how to cope with sleepless children. 2.00 Crown Court. The case continues of the man accused of deliberately hitting his ex-lover with his car.
2.30 A Country Practice. Australian drama series about a medical practice in the outback 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Flicks. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Batfink 4.20 Luna. Science fiction adventure serial 4.50 Jangles starring Hazel O'Connor with Fun Boy Three and Bananarama (r) 5.15 Family Trees.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Youth Training Scheme's Training Workshops.
6.35 Crossroads. A natural animosity grows between Joe MacDonald and Colin Sands.
7.00 The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. Episode five: May. Edith's brothers' dislike of each other becomes public knowledge (Oracle titles page 170).
7.30 Coronation Street. Mavis Riley catches 'flu and is caught in an embarrassing situation (Oracle titles page 170).
8.00 This Is Your Life. Someone, somewhere, is going to get his or her fright of a lifetime when ambushed by Eamonn Andrews armed with his big red book.
8.30 Fresh Fields. Delightful comedy series starring Anton Rodgers and Julia McKenzie as the middle-aged couple now gratefully rid of parental responsibility. (Oracle titles page 170)
9.00 Minder: A Well-Fashioned Fit-Up. Terry the bouncer on a pub's opening night so Arthur has to guard a friend's rag trade store (Oracle title page 170)
10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
10.05 News
10.35 Midweek Sports Special includes a preview of the World Figure Skating Championships; highlights from one of tonight's European football competition matches; and boxing from the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel.
12.15 Night Thoughts from Tom Chetwynd.

Anthony Hopkins: Strangers and Brothers (BBC 2 9.25pm)

CHOICE

● The off-on romance of a 55-year old former roué and an attractive woman some 20 years his junior is the subject of the last in the entertaining series THE OTHER HALF (BBC1 9.30pm) Victor Lownes, American millionaire and aspiring country gentleman, has been living with Marilyn Cole, a former Co-op shop assistant and Playmate of the Month, for the past two years. They live in a large and expensively-appointed mansion, Stocks, in Hertfordshire, a home that also doubles as a country club. Mr Lownes cheerfully admits his penchant for attractive girls – the cause of five year separation from Miss Cole seven years ago – and modestly puts his success in that direction to his charisma, something that is conspicuously lacking on screen. Miss Cole puts on a brave face but she is obviously worried that her Victor might take a shine to someone else, by over-reacting when the word marriage was mentioned, although as far as Mr Lownes would go was to say that 'she has my undivided loyalty and affection' and that it was 'likely' that they would wed. Does Miss Cole think of herself as a kept woman? 'No, Victor doesn't give me enough money!' is her honest reply. Beauty and the beast they certainly are and, on balance, they seem to deserve one another.

● Anthony Hopkins joins the cast in tonight's episode of STRANGERS AND BROTHERS (BBC2 9.25pm) and immediately makes his redoubtable presence felt by dominating the action. He plays Roger Quaife, an ambitious Tory politician, in what is really part one of a two-episode adaptation of perhaps C. P. Snow's best known novel, Corridors of Power. The story, which follows the rise and fall of Quaife as Secretary of State for Defence against the background of the Suez crisis and the nuclear disarmament debate, casts Lewis Eliot, the common link of the serial, as one of Quaife's advisors and his sole confidante. Clever use of Movietone news of the period coupled with Snow's acerbic observations of political machinations, manifested by the scheming Quaife, bring life to a serial that has, at times, been too wordy for its own good.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Strawberry Hill 6.30 Graduates Press Conference 1984 6.55 Pelican Crossings 7.20 Interpreting a Dream 7.45 Industrial Relations. Ends at 8.10
9.00 Ceefax.
9.38 Daytime on Two: Animals of the soil 10.00 A visit to a dolls' hospital with Roy Hudd 10.15 Maths: plans, perspectives and prisms 10.38 Home economics: plant food 11.00 Words and pictures 11.17 Music and Dance 11.39 The language of music 12.05 Italian conversation 12.30 A member of parliament's accountability 12.55 Italian version of the film Languages for Life 1.21 Italian conversation 1.38 A day in the life of an Arbroath fisherman 2.01 A building site 2.18 Wool traders of the middle ages 2.40 Zig Zag
3.00 Ceefax.
5.10 Women and Sport. An Open University production that examines society's attitudes to women in sport (r)
5.35 News summary with subtitles
5.40 Film: Maverick Queen (1956) starring Barbara Stanwyck. The first showing on British television for this Zane Gray story of a powerful, attractive, woman who own most of the cattle business in Wyoming. Trouble comes her way when Jeff rides into town and Butch and Sundance make an appearance. Directed by Joe Kane
7.10 Swallows and Amazons Forever! Part two of Arthur Ransome's Coot Club and the nasty Hullabaloos are still searching for Tom after he set their boat adrift. But Tom is being sheltered by Dick and Dot
7.35 Open Space: Fair Shares. A film made by the Child Poverty Action Group that highlights the growing number of children being brought up on the Supplementary Benefit of £1.30p a day
8.05 Sailor. The Ark Royal returns home and the characters of some of the crew change when they don civilian garb
8.35 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers. In the final programme of his entertaining series Mr Smith examines the history of heathers
9.00 Pot Black 84. Terry Griffiths and Silvino Francisco play for the right to meet Willie Thorne for a place in the final
9.25 Strangers and Brothers. Part 11 is based on the first part of C. P. Snow's Corridors of Power (see Choice)
10.20 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party
10.25 Newsnight
11.10 The Twilight Zone: A Nice Place to Visit* A petty crook becomes bored with a heavenly lifestyle
11.35 Pete Sayers Electric Music Show (r)
12.10 Open University: A Probability Model for Rare Events 12.35 Migration from a Turkish Village. Ends at 1.05

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Night Beat News. More comedy from the hopelessly inadequate employees of a television news station.
5.30 Enthusiasts: A Wasteland, a Wetland and a Wood. The second programme in the series devoted to people who channel all their energy in one particular direction. Max Nicholson is today's subject. He is chairman of the Ecological Parks Trust, responsible for the two acre site between London Bridge and Tower Bridge that is now urban countryside dedicated to the memory of the 18th-century botanist, William Curtis. Mr Nicholson is joined by another founder-member of the Ecological Parks Trust, Lyndis Cole, and they talk about the background to the setting up of the Trust.
6.00 The Munsters* Herman is the lucky winner of a television quiz show. His prize is a family membership of a highly exclusive country club but when the family arrive en masse at the club their reception is not what they expected.
6.30 Flashback: Your Very Good Health 1945-1950. Part seven, narrated by Sarah Dunant, includes extracts from story films about the Beveridge Report and documentary films about the re-housing programme. The Rank Organisation's This Modern Age was part of the government's campaign to recruit women into the textile industry while the Central Office of Information's cartoon character, Charley, learns all about the NHS and its impacts on his family needs.
7.00 Channel Four News.
7.50 Comment. The political spot this week is taken by a Plaid Cymru member of parliament.
8.00 Brookside. Davey Jones does a moonlight flit taking money, milk and a dog; while the fate of ownership of Petra's house flies in the balance.
8.30 Diverse Reports. Current affairs programme which, this week, includes a report by Christopher Huhne on new evidence that an electoral pact is the best hope for Labour and the Alliance.
9.00 Film: The Refusal* (1972) starring Kurt Weinzierl. An Austrian-made film based on the true story of Franz Jaegerstetter, a village sacristan living in Nazi Austria in 1943, who decided that a true Christian could not serve in the German Army and refused to enlist when he was called-up. Directed by Axel Corti (English subtitles).
10.45 Voices: Our Place in the Natural Order. Robert Hutchinson of the Policy Studies Institute chairs a discussion between three philosophers – John Passmore, Stephen Clark and Mary Midgley – on the relationship of the animal world to the human world.
11.45 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. From Sussex (r).
10.30 Morning Story: 'Destiny' by Jill Norris. The reader: Elizabeth Proud.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; Baker's Dozen with Richard Baker.
11.48 Through My Window. The first of six programmes in which busy people pause awhile and consider the views from their windows: Leslie Crowther, the comedian.
12.00 News; You And Yours. Consumer Advice.
12.27 The Bird of Dawning by John Masefield. A serial in six parts (4)†(r). 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.35 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. The guest of the week is Sheilah Graham, the noted Hollywood gossip columnist. There is also the fifth instalment of Rebecca West's novel The Birds Fall Down.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Principles of Flight, by Bob Couttie. A sequel to yesterday afternoon's play Principles of Rocketry. It is about a woman who disappears on her wedding night. No mystery about it. She has broken free of the Earth in a space rocket she has built herself. With Jean Trend, Hugh Dickson, Ray Burdis and Rosalind Adams.
3.47 Time For Verse, presented by John Mole. The readers are Gary Watson and Jill Bacon. Poetic variations on Bible stories.
4.00 News; Just After Four. The views of young people living in Oxford.
4.10 File on 4.
4.40 Story Time: "The Marsh Lions" by Brian Jackman (last of seven). The reader is Virginia McKenna.
5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 My Music. Steve Race is the question-master.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint. Roger Cook's weekly investigation into listeners' problems of unfair dealings and injustice.
7.45 Fat Man On A Roman Road. The second of eight programmes in which Tom Vernon rides his bicycle from Exeter to Edinburgh (2) Dark Gods and Travelling Light: Montacute to Bath. (r)
8.15 Antony Hopkins Talking About Music. Each week Antony Hopkins explores a different musical work or topic†.
8.45 Analysis. David Wheeler on the state of agriculture in Britain today.
9.30 High Street Africa Revisited. With Anthony Smith on his motorcycle (last of twelve programmes).
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts Magazine. Include items on Paul Tortelier's 70th birthday. And a review of the film La Balance. Also a short feature on the Stuttgart Arts Centre, including interviews with James Stirling, Professor Christian Thompsen, and Joseph Beuys.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: "The Cone-Gatherers" by Robin Jenkins (3). Read by Tom Fleming.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.

ENGLAND VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 FOR SCHOOLS: 10.45 Radio History. 11.05 Singing Together No 19. 11.25 Movement and Drama 2. 11.45 Contact. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 FOR SCHOOLS: 2.00 The Music Box. 2.15 Introducing Geography. 2.35 Pictures in Your Mind. (Poetry/Music). 2.45 Nature. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: 20th Century European Authors: Italian. 11.30-12.10 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 11.30 Music Interlude. 11.50 The Parents' Centre. 12.30-12.55 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Business Matters: "Running A Small Business.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Auber's overture Le Muette de Portici; Mozart's Piano Quartet in G minor, K 478 (Rubinstein/Guarneri String Quartet); Elgar's Severn Suite.†8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice: part two. Lefébure-Wély's March in E flat (Rene Saorgin, organ); Hoffmeister's Flute Concerto in D (Dingfelder and English Chamber Orchestra); and Lambert's The Rio Grande (Ortiz and Jean Temperley (mezzos), London Madrigal Singers and LSO.†9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Josquin. The Hilliard Ensemble and the Early Music Consort of London play various works by the 15th century composer.†
10.00 Smetana and Ostrcil: Smetana, orch Otakar Zich (Skocna; Hulan Czech dances, Set 2), and Ostrcil's suite in C minor.†
10.45 Oboe and Cello: recital by Sarah Francis and Rohan de Saram. Berkeley's Petite Suite; and Crosse's Variations (Little Epiphany).†
11.15 Chicago Symphony Orchestra: with Alfred Brendel (piano). Mozart's Piano Conc No 12; and Mendelssohn's Symph No 4 (Italian). Solti conducts.†
12.15 Concert Hall: the Stuttgart String Quartet play Webern's Six Bagatelles Op 6; and Beethoven's String Quartet in C, Op59 No 3.†1.00 News.
1.05 Off the Beaten Track: Miles Kington on some of the jazz musicians who have been intrigued by Latin rhythms.
1.30 Matinee Musical: BBC Concert Orchestra, with John Bradbury (violin) and Elra West (piano). Anthony Hedges's overture Heigham Sound, Suk's Quasi Ballata Op17 No1; Bruch's Romance in A minor, Op42 for violin and orch; Donizetti's overture Don Pasquale; Copland's Nocturne and Ukelele Serenade; and Kodaly's Dances from Galanta.†
2.30 Monteverdi and Carissimi: Monteverdi's Laudate Dominum; and Ab Aeterno ordinata sum; and Carissimi's O vulnera doloris: Lucifer. David Thomas (bass); Nigel North (theorbo); and Christopher Hogwood (chamber organ).
2.55 Piano Trios: Mozart's in G, 564; and Dvorak's Piano Trio in F minor, Op65. Emanuel Aix (piano), Young Uck Kim (violin) and Yo Yo Ma (cello).†
4.00 Choral Evenson: from Exeter Cathedral – live.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Brian Kay's selecions of music on record and in recorded performances.
6.30 Debut: Flute and piano recital by Katherine Kemler (flute) and Christine Crowshaw. They play Frank Martin's Ballade, and Widor's Suite.†
7.00 Keto and Kote: A Soviet Radio recording of the three-act comic opera by Viktor Dolidze. It is the story of a young woman's choice between a rich old man's title and a young man's love. Didim Mirtakhulava conducts the Soviet Radio Chorus and Symphony Orchestra. The opera is sung in Georgian. Act one.†
7.30 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.
7.50 Keto and Kote: The second and third acts of the Dolidze opera.†
9.00 Aubades and Serenades: Frank Williams's translation of the work by Igor Pomerantsev. Read by Ronald Pickup. With music by Ilona Sekacz.
9.20 Belfast Festival 1983: Mozart's Quartet in D K 575, and Berg's Quartet Op 3, played by the Chilingirian String Quartet. Part one.†
10.10 Barnes's People: Moondog Rogan and the Mighty Hamster. With Eileen Atkins and Barbara Leigh-Hunt. Two women practise wrestling holds in a gymnasium. This is the last in the series of short 'plays' by Peter Barnes.†
10.25 Belfast Festival: part two. Beethoven's Quartet in A minor, Op 132.†
VHF only: Open University: 6.35-6.55am, and 11.20pm-12.00.
Medium wave only: Cricket – the Third Test between Pakistan and

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00pm) major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines: 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30am (MF/MW). 4.00am Colin Berry†. 5.30 Ray Moore†incl. 6.02 Cricket. 7.30 Terry Wogan †incl. 8.31 Racing Bulletin 9.02 Cricket. 12.00pm Steve Jones†incl. 12.02 Cricket 1.05 Sport. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford†incl. 2.02; 3.02 Sport. 3.30 Music All The Way†. 4.00 David Hamilton†from the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, Earls Court, London, incl. 4.02; 5.05 Sport. 6.00 John Dunn†incl. 6.02 Sport 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 8.00 European Soccer Special: Six British clubs compete in Second-leg European competitions. Commentary on one of these, plus news of all other ties. 9.30 Listen to the Band. Charlie Chester with the Solent Concert Band†. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Give Us a Conch! Paddy Feeney presents a natural history quiz. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Charles Nove presents Nightride† 3.00 Olympic Memories Harry Carpenter shares his memories of Rome 1960†. 3.30-4.00 Tommy Reilly†.

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and then 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Gary Davies. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.†
VHF Radios 1 and 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 8.00pm Hit List. Star-watcher Patrick Moore picks half a dozen pieces of music he never wants to hear again, and he explains why. The music is surprisingly good – and so are his reasons for not wanting to hear it.† 8.30 BBC Radio Orchestra. Tonight's guest vocalist is Norma Winstone, and we also hear the David Snell Trio. The programme is presented by Bill Rennells.† 9.15 Listen to the Band.† 9.30 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Let There Be Drums. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Peebles' Choice. 8.30 Yes Minister 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Anything for a Laugh. 10.15 Rock Back the Clock. 10.30 The Seven Deadly Sins. 10.50 Recording of the Week. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Thomas Traherne on Childwood Wonder 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 People and Places. 1.45 Edward Elgar: The Making of a Composer 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 Yes Minister 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Rock Salad 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News. 5.09 Monitor 5.25 New Ideas. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.15 Soccer special. 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Thomas Traherne on Childwood Wonder 11.30 Top Twenty 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Monitor 12.45 Yes Minister 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Anna of the Five Towns 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Musical Memories of Evelyn Barbirolli 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 International Soccer Special. 5.45 The World Today.
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† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

BBC 1

WALES 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales Headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 11.45 News and weather. SCOTLAND 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.55 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 11.45 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 11.45 News and weather. ENGLAND 5.55pm Regional news magazines. 11.50 Close.

S4C Starts 2.00pm Beth, Sut, Pam, Pryd a Ble? 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn o Fyd. 2.55 Interval. 3.15 Years Ahead. 4.00 People's Court. 4.45 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.00 Smyrffs. 5.30 Munsters. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Bewitched. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Y Filltir Sgwar. 8.00 Gwraldd y Gainc. 8.30 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Valentino (Rudolf Nureyev). 11.20 Two faces of Thailand. 12.15am Voices. 1.10 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Mr & Mrs. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.05am Barney Miller. 12.35 Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20-1.30 pm News. 5.15-5.45 Joe 90. 6.00-6.35 Channel Report. 10.00-10.05 Barnstormers. 12.05 am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Survival. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.05am Two of Us. 12.30 Closedown. HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Crown Court. 1.20 News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.35 Home Rules. 2.10 Miracles Take Longer. 2.40 Mr & Mrs. 3.10 Newsbreak. 3.20 Sons and Daughters. 3.50-4.00 A-Z. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.05am Showcase. 12.20 Company, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Crazy World Of Sport. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.05 am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada reports. 1.30 Exchange Flags. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada reports. 12.05am Profiles in Rock. 12.45 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.05am Portrait of a Legend. 12.35 Passover, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 2.30-3.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace*. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.05am Like Draining the Atlantic, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Crown Court. 1.20 News. 1.30 Three Little Words. 2.00 Miracles Take Longer. 2.30-3.30 We'll Meet Again. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News 12.05 am Closedown

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.05am News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 In Exile. 12.05am Postscript, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Adventurer 5.10 Action Line. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Report 10.40 Scotsport European Special 11.40 Late Call. 11.45 Newhart. 12.15am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30 Love Boat. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 North Tonight 10.40 Scotsport European Special. 11.40 Adventurer 12.10am Harvest Jazz. 12.40 News, Closedown

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

America 'freezes' role in Mid-East

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, made it clear last night that the United States sees no *prospect* of leading any further peace initiatives in the Middle East for the forseeable future.

"We will have to see what happens and be prepared whenit comes," he said, reflecting a sense of hopelessness within the Administration about its immediate political role in the region.

"There does not seem to be any immediate opportunity – like this month, this week, perhaps longer – for things to move forward in a genuinely strong way," he added. "Nevertheless, we will continue to be there."

President Reagan's peace initiative of September 1, 1982, is clearly regarded as being on hold. "We have extended a lot of energy to help but primarily it is up to the parties in the region to find their way to *security, peace and a better* quality of life," Mr Shultz said.

He conceded that criticism by *King Husain of Jordan of US* policy in the Middle East had set back the chances of receiving congressional approval of Mr Reagans' request for the supply of stinger shoulder-held missiles and other weapons to Jordon.

He was adamant in his opposition to congressional attempts to order the transfer of the American Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. President Reagan *is also* opposing any such move. "It would be very damaging to US *interests*," *Mr Shultz said.*

"It involves the old city of Jerusalem. it involves the *deeply religious sites* and connotations of that city. When you touch that you touch a raw *nerve running across the Mus*lim world, something which is way beyond political matters. It goes into deep religious roots. It is a question we would do well to stay away from."

On the Iran-Iraq war Mr Shultz emphasized that the Americans are no longer alarmed by the threat of Iran to close the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf. "It will not be possible to cause a genuinely long-term disruption in the flow of oil supplies."

Turning to Central america Mr Shultz appealed to Congress to approve emergency military aid to El Salvador.



Concert pitch: Paul Tortelier rehearsing yesterday with his family for tonight's concert at the Barbican (*Photograph: Suresh Karadia*).

70 years in harmony with Bach

Paul Tortelier, one of the world's great cellists, is 70 *today. The occasion is to be* marked by a concert at the Barbican in which Mr Tortelier will be joined by his musical family, his daughters, Maria de la Pau (left) a pianist and Pamone (right), a singer, as well as his wife, Mand, who *also plays* the cello, and his son Yan Pascal, a conductor.

Mr Tortelier, who was born in France, has always retained a special relationship with this country as his first important appearance was in Britain with Sir Thomas Beecham.

***He* has composed four concertos, a symphony and he specializes in interpreting the works of Bach, with whom he shares a birthday and whose work, he says, "has given us a picture of an ideal society".**

Tortelier's dream, page 17

Duke to sell Old Master drawings worth £7m

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over the valuation of certain drawings, a difference of opinion over the attribution of *others made the gap between* the two parties yawn to an unabridgeable extent.

The *museum is* said to have had doubts as to whether the four Leonardo cartoons were from the hand of the master rather than a follower and they had similar doubts over a Raphael "Mercury and Psyche", which some consider the work of a gifted pupil, such as Giulio Romano.

Mr Brian Lang, secretary of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, commented yesterday that the purchase had been seriously considered but the fund had not felt that the price represented value for money for the nation.

He emphasized that the *British Museum had been* offered the group as a whole without any power to select

The drawings are being sold by the trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement, a trust whose beneficiaries are the Devonshire family.

The house and its most important contents have already been hived off into a separate charitable trust, the Chatsworth House Trust, under a large lease agreement; a Poussin oil and a larger selection of duplicates from the Chatsworth library were recently sold to provide an endowment fund for the unkeep of the house.

The purpose of the drawings sale has hitherto been spelt out only in the most hazy terms by *the Devonshire lawyers. In a* statement yesterday on behalf of the Chartsworth Settlement *they described the sale as* "part of long-term plans for rhe redeployment of the family assets".

Mr P. A. Bostock, speaking from Currey and Co, the family solicitors, said that the trustees considerd their assets to be over-invested in works of art and were thus altering the balance of investments.

Sale room, page 2

Radar defence document found in phone box

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sachusetts. The *numbers for* SRI include offices in San Francisco and Arlington, Virginia.

There are addresses and telephone numbers for officers and *officials* at five American defence establishments, including the USAF electronics systems *development unit at* Hanscom air base, Massachusetts.

The *other* numbers include staff at the Naval Research Laboratory; the Naval Electronics System Command; the Office of Naval Research and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defence for Research and Engineering, all in or near Washington.

They include, according to the Pentagon's telephone directory, staff working on radar, early warning systems and naval warfare.

Staff at four British organizations are named: the Ministry of Defence Procurement Executive; the Rutherford Appleton laboratory near Didcot, Oxfordshire, and the main *building of the* Ministry of Defence. Several home telephone numbers are included.

***Major Joseph Wagovich, in* the office of the Secretaty of the Air Force at the Pentagon, *said:* "We are not able to provide any detail whatsoever".**

The Ministry of Defence in London, *where inquiries are* being carried out into leaks to newspapers, said: "It is most *unfortunate that* through the carelessness of somebody who may have been concrued with the project such a list has been left lying around in this fashion".

"*Although the list itself does* not give away classified information, it does lead to the *focusing of attention* on a project about which the basic information is classified."

"We will obviously make inquiries, but it will not be a full-scale leak inquiry, just an internal *attempt to discover* how this list came to be lying about".

Letter from Brussels

Morning after Night of the Long Knives

Under a grey sky, Mrs Thatcher arrived *for work* promptly at nine yesterday morning in the grey 15-storey office *block which* serves as the headquarters of the EEC's Council of Ministers.

Down the road, in the elegant residence of the French Ambassador, President Mitterrand and Chancellor Helmut Kohl were finishing a very friendly breakfast indeed. It was, said the French spokesman, "very comforting" that the two had developed such a *close and meaningful relationship.*

It was the mornng after the Night *of the* Long Knives. Over dinner the previous evening the British Prime Minister had lived up to her "Iron Maiden" image with a vengeance. Leader after leader went reeling back to his hotel at one in the morning, apparently incredulous that anyone could be so uncompromising and still be human.

Signor Benito Craxi, tall and bald under the television *lights, gathered the Italian* press corps round him in the foyer of his hotel to complain that "Mrs Thatcher says 'No' to everything".

Mr Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch Prime Minister, was downstairs sipping whisky and complaining that there could never be an agreement, because Mrs Thatcher had a totally *different* philosophical outlook to everyone else.

Over in his hotel, Dr Garret FitzGerald, looking even more like a sad bloodhound than usual, was *telling reporters* that things were much worse than they had ever been, even *during the fiasco of the Athens* summit.

Meanwhile, at the residence *of the* United Kingdom representative to the EEC, Mrs Thatcher was going through a businesslike de-briefing of officials before putting in her normal night's sleep in preparation for a hard day's work.

What British news there was of goings-on at the working dinner was brought in a "positive and determined" fashion by Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's bluff Yorkshire spokesman. Reports that Mrs Thatcher was inflexible and unrepentant "do not coincide with our view," he said bellingerently. He was bored by such reports. He had heard them all before and they were as wrong as ever.

He was still "positive and determined" yesterday morning, after a further de-briefing *from the Prime Minister.*

"The reality is that things are moving," he said. "We are *used to being* called names. We don't call other people names; we just try to get on *with it in a* constructive spirit." As far as being called names was concerned, "I sometimes quite enjoy it".

Mr Ingham, the epitome of a bulldog at bay, shook his red jowls and defied the assembled journalists of Europe to call him names. They withdrew, *instead*, to hear his French counterpart, M Michel Vauzelle, immaculate as ever, *describing events in* true historic style.

News filtered through that Dr Kohl continued to see "no land in sight". He had been particularly impressed by the sight of Mrs Thatcher and Dr FitzGerald savaging each other in the argument over milk.

But with France and Britain holding centre stage, the press tended to hover between their rival briefing rooms, surging in and out with the tide of rumour of news. M Vauzelle *walked out of a scheduled* briefing when he discovered that Mr Ingham had booked *one at the same time.*

Later, the French spokesman told the waiting press, anxious for any crumbs of information, that President Mitterrand had found time to mention his idea for a project to build a European space-station.

But the jollity masked the fact that no information at all was seeping out from the closed doors. British briefings depended on notes written by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, living up to the second part of his title.

The notes were very comprehensive, a Foreign Office aide confirmed, but they were largely illegible. "Fortunately, we have people skilled in *Oriental languages capable of* deciphering them," the man from the FO said proudly.

And, *as* the Europeans became more and more agitated about what was going *on. American observers* wandered around among the television cameras and the pencil-chewing armies, shaking their heads in wonder. "Hell," one said, "We can lose more money on the New York subway overnight than these guys are arguing about."

Ian Murray

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen attends a *service* at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, to mark its centenary, 11.

The Duke of Edinburgh, president of World Wildlife Fund International and vice-president of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, launches the WWF/IUCN Plants Campaign at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 11.15.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh give a reception at Buckingham Palace for the winners of The Queen's Awards for Export and Technology, 6.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, dines with the Royal Army Medical Corps at the Headquarters Mess, Millbank, 7.15.

Princess Alice, Douchess of Gloucester, president, Ladies' Guild of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jersalem, attends a meeting at 1 *Grosvenor Crescent, London, 11.*

The Duke of Kent visits Davy McKee Ltd, the Combined Cadet Force, Prince of Wales Road, 12.50; and later visits Endcliffe Hall, 3.30. The Duke of Kent attends Cutlers' Feast, Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, 6.35.

New exhibitions

Paintings by Eona Aitken and Robert Gillies, Maclauring Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, closed Sun (until April 9).

Graham Sutherland in Pembrokeshire: Transformations from Nature by Royal Scottish Academy, The Mound, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until April 11).

Exhibitions in progress

Colin Thomas retrospective exhibition, Artspace Gallery, 21 Castle Street, **Aberdeen**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Thu 10 to 8 closed Sun (*until* March 28).

Figures on a set – paintings and drawings by Rowan Granger of people at work on the independent television series *'Robin of Sherwood'*. Cooper's Hall, Theatre Royal, King Street, **Bristol**; Mon to *Sat 10 to 10.30 (closing time varies* with tiems of performances at the theatre) closed Sun (until Apr 7).

Lincolnshire Treasures, Real Fire Photographs exhibition and Lincolnshire and South Humberside Artist's Society Spring Exhibition, *Usher* Gallery, Lindum Road, **Lincoln**, Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2.30 to 5.

Down to Earth, a national touring exhibition on soil, Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, 96 New Walk, *Leicester*; Mon to Sat *10* to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30, closed Friday (until June 21).

Ten Years Work, Susan Hillier, Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St, *Glasgow*; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30 (until Apr 14).

Once upon a time...Sculpture Installation by Ronald Martin, Meadowplace Gallery, 10 Victoria Road, **Dundee**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (until Apr 7).

A *Roving Eye*: a miscellany of works on loan from private collections; Pallant House Gallery, 9 North Pallant, **Chichester**; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.00pm (until March 24)

Cadbury's National Exhibition of Children's Art, City Art Centre, 2 Market St, **Edinburgh**, closed Sundays (until April 6)

Music

Recital by Charles Tomlinson, and Raymond Warren, University of **Bristol**, Wills Memorial Building, Queen's Road, 1.15.

Concert by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Colston Hall, Colston Street, **Bristol**, 7.30.

Recital by Barthold Kuijken (flute) and Johann Sonnleitner (harpsichord), Royal Northern College of Music, **Manchester**, 7.30.

Recital by Vovka Ashkenazy, County Museum, **Dorchester**, Dorset, 8.

Talks, lectures

Preparing an exhibition, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, **Edinburgh**, 2.

Being a Christian Today, by Mrs Ranate Milinksy, St Ann's Church, **Manchester**, 1.20.

London exhibition

William Morris, poet, designer and social philosopher, celebrates the 150th anniversary of his birth. ICA, The Mall, London SW1; Tue to Sun 12 to 9 (until April 29).

General

Ideal Home Exhibition, Warwick Road, Earls Court, 10 to 8, (until April 1).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,384

ACROSS

1 Toad gets a car lift after some grumbling (10).
6 Look for sound Indian (4).
9 May get hurt having a game (10).
10 Is this shell shock? (4).
12 A chain dance, say (4).
13 Heated chamber prepared for this sort of bird (4-5).
15 Caught in drunken kind of reel (8).
16 In Ohio it gets a new blade daily (6).
18 Tailor's turnover is almost a *disaster* (6).
20 Fashionable and well-known evil (8).
23 The *cost of this material can be* damaging (9).
24 The genie that is invisible provides it (4).
26 The clutch does snatch (4).
27 ... backward Private Orford shows dullness (10).
28 Pity she was badly hurt (4).
29 The best man to direct the ushers (10).

DOWN

1 Central *place of honour*, you might say (4).
2 Words of encouragement to Middle School after the match (5-2).
3 As an introduction, make arrangement to let me in early (12).
4 Emotion troubling Jael at first (8).
5 We're told *to* pick out the broken glass (6).
7 Separate the contacts, also tie in knots (7).
8 Its rider has nothing else in mind (5-5).
11 Perhaps a geriatric OAP loses right to claim for free speech (12).
14 He can always find signs of our behaviour (10).
17 This sort of parking is unfair (3-5).
19 Ringing by internal lines to Kent terminals (7).
21 Eccentric in plain clothes (3-4).
22 Fiddle with knot on this accessory (3-3).
25 Leader who was killed in Amritsar (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,383

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New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Elemental Things, The Poetry of Hugh MacDiarmid, by Harvey Oxenhorn (Edinburgh University Press, £15)

Julius Caesar, *edited by Arthur Humphreys; Titus Andronicus, edited by Eugene* M. Walth; The Oxford Shakespeare series, (Oxford, £12.95, paperback, £2.95)

Portable Utopia, Glasgow and the United States 1820-1920, by Bernard Aspinwall (Aberdeen University Press, £18.50)

Roman Bath Discovered, by Barry Cunliffe (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £14.94)

Scottish Labour Leaders 1918-1939, A Biographical Dictionary, edited by Dr William Knox (Mainstream, £20)

The Black Death, Natural and Human Disaster in Medieval Europe, by Robert S. Gottfried (Hale, £9.95)

The Languages of Britain, by Glanville Price (Edward Arnold, £16.50)

The National Trust Guide, revised and edited by Rosemary Joekes (Cape, £12.95)

The Weimar Years, A Culture Cut Short, by John Willett (Thames & Hudson, £12.95)

Watteau, by Donald Posner (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20)

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Anniversaries

Births: **Johann Sebastian Bach**, Eisenbach, Germany, 1685; **Jean-Baptiste Fourier**, mathematician, Auxerre, France, *1768*; **Benito Juarez**, president of Mexico 1861-72, San Pablo Guelatao, Oaxaca, Mexico, 1806; **Florenz Ziegfeld**, theatrical producer, Chicago, 1869; **Hans Hofmann**, painter, Weisenberg, Germany, 1880; **Albert Chevalier**, music hall entertainer and composer (among his songs, "My Old Dutch"), London, 1861.

Deaths: **Thomas Cranmer**, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1533-56, burned at the stake, Oxford, 1556; **Robert Southey**, Keswick, Cumbria, 1843.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on fuel costs and poverty.

Lords (2.30): Debates on the Highlands and Islands; nuclear war; and on the prison service.

Separation and divorce

The Inland Revenue has published a new free leaflet called *Income Tax – Separation and Divorce* available from your nearest tax office or PAYE enquiry office. It deals with many of the tax queries that may occur straightaway and some that may not. Address in telephone directory under Inland Revenue.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.58	1.50
Austria Sch	27.85	26.25
Belgium Fr	82.50	78.50
Canada $	1.89	1.82
Denmark Kr	14.32	13.62
Finland Mkk	8.52	8.12
France Fr	11.97	11.47
Germany DM	3.90	3.72
Greece Dr	162.00	152.00
Hongkong $	11.65	11.05
Ireland Pt	1.28	1.22
Italy Lira	2410.00	2310.00
Japan Yen	341.00	325.00
Netherlands Gld	4.44	4.22
Norway Kr	11.37	10.77
Portugal Esc	196.00	186.00
South Africa Rd	1.96	1.82
Spain Pta	220.50	211.50
Sweden Kr	11.70	11.10
Switzerland Fr	3.24	3.07
USA $	1.48	1.43
Yugoslavia Dar	188.00	178.00

London: The *FT* Index closed up 14.5 at 897.6.
Retail Price Index: 344.00.

Roads

Midlands: M1: Contraflow between junctions 16 (Northampton) and 18 (Rugby). A6: Temporary signals at Matlock Bath. A12: Contraflow at Bentley, on Ipswich to Colchester Road, Suffolk.

Wales and West: A4044: Northbound lane restrictions at Haymarket, Bristol, Avon. A39: Single lane traffic, temporary traffic signals, between Bideford and Lynton, New Road, Bideford. A377: Temporary traffic lights between Exeter and Barnstaple at Bonhay Road, Exeter.

The North: A628: Improvement work to the Thurlstone River Bridge, single lane traffic controlled by traffic lights, South Yorkshire. A534: Sewer laying, single lane traffic, traffic lights, delays on *Crewe Road, Winterley, Sandbach.* A68: Roadworks eight miles north-east of Bellingham.

Scotland: A82: Surface repairs, one lane only, temporary lights, one mile south of Luss, Dunbartonshire. A80: Contraflow on southbound side, resurfacing, north of A73 junction near Cumbernauld, Dunbartonshire. A987: Only one lane, temporary lights, between A907 junction and *Cullaloe Reservoir.*

The papers

The **Daily Mirror** says that Mr John Selwyn Gummer, pipsqueak chairman of the Tory Party, has chastized MPs who questioned Mark Thatcher's business activities. He accused them of "the politics of *the gutter*". *They have descended*, he went on to "the personal attack and the political smear".

Forget that those MPs include Mr Edward Heath and Mr Peter Shore, bigger politicians than a dozen Gummers could be. Forget that his party has a proven record of smears, personal and political, going back 60 years. Forget that the young Tories accuse Mr Gummer's Central Office of "orchestrating" attacks on the BBC and Panorama by leaking information to the Daily Mail. Forget, even, that several loyal Tory newspapers and commentators are showing unease about young Mr Thatcher.

Just remeber that Mr Gummer owes his station in life to Mrs Thatcher. she made him and she can unmake him. Remember he was given an extra £5,000 a year as a minor minister in the Government after being appointed Tory chairman. And then wonder whether charges about the politics of the gutter matter a damn when they come from someone who owes his advance to the politics of the poodle parlour.

Weather forecast

A frontal trough near NW Britain will move SE across the N *and W while* weakening.

6am to midnight

London, SE, Cen S, Cen N, E, SW England, E Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, mainly dry, a few sunny intervals, wind E light becoming S light, max temp 8C (46F).

Wales, NW, NE England, Ladke District, Isle of Man: Cloudy, a little rain in places later, wind SE veering S moderate, max temp 7C (45F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, SW, NE Scotland, Cen Highlands, Moray Firth, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: Cloudy, occasional rain later, snow on hills, wind SE veering S moderate or fresh, max temp 8C (46F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: Rain and drizzle, snow on hills, becoming more persistent later, wind SW moderate or fresh, max temp 9C (48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Cloud and rain in the NW, with snow on hills, spreading to most parts, brighter later with showers in the SW. Mostly rather cold. Becoming windy.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind E light to moderate, fair, sea slight. St Georges Channel: Wind light and variable becoming moderate W, rain later. Sea smooth. Irish Sea: Wind light and variable becoming moderate S, rain later, sea smooth.

Sun rises: 6.01 am	**Sun sets:** 6.16 pm
Moon sets: 7.59 am	**Moon rises:** 12.01 am Tomorrow

Last Quarter March 24.

Lighting-up time

London 6.46 pm to 5.29 am
Bristol 6.55 pm to 5.38 am
Edinburgh 6.59 pm to 5.40 am
Manchester 6.55 pm to 5.38 am
Penzance 7.7 pm to 5.50 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

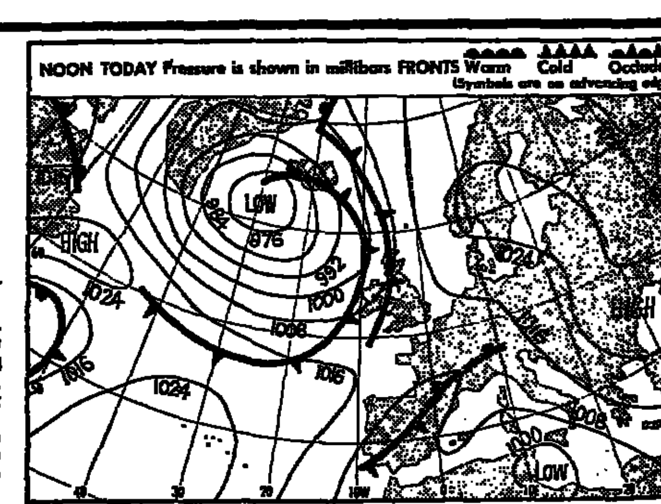
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Birmingham	c	5	41	Inverness	c	6	43
Blackpool	f	5	41	Jersey	c	8	46
Bristol	c	4	39	London	f	7	45
Cardiff	c	3	37	Manchester	f	6	43
Edinburgh	c	3	37	Newcastle	c	3	37
Glasgow	c	4	39	Ronaldsway	c	5	41

Highest and lowest

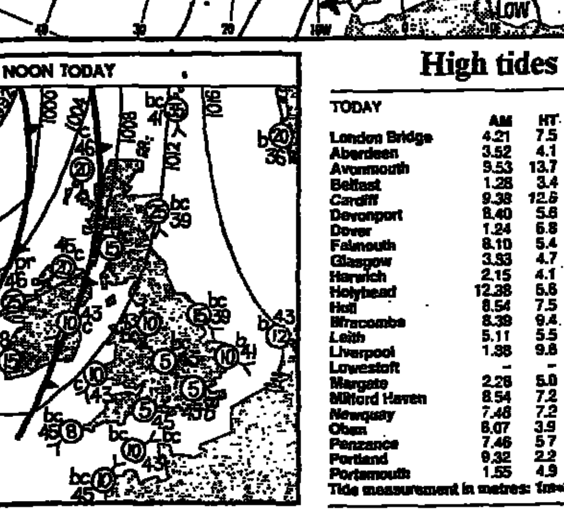
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Heathrow, 11c (52F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, 3c (37F); highest rainfall: Machrihanish, 0.08in; highest sunshine: Lowestoft, Folkstone, 5.7hr.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 6 pm, 67 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 3.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,011.0 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

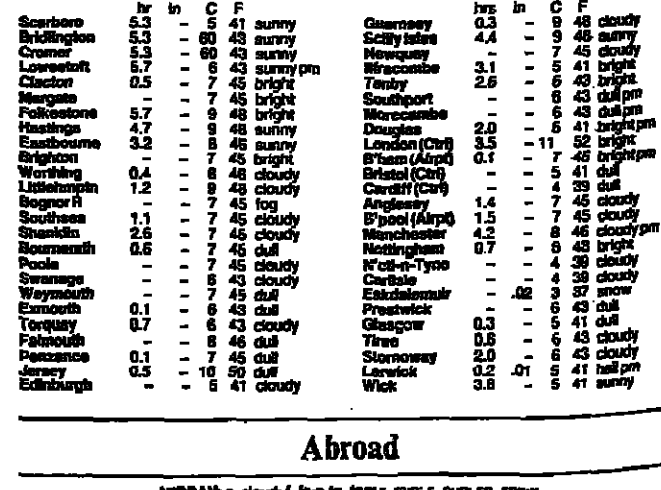


NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)

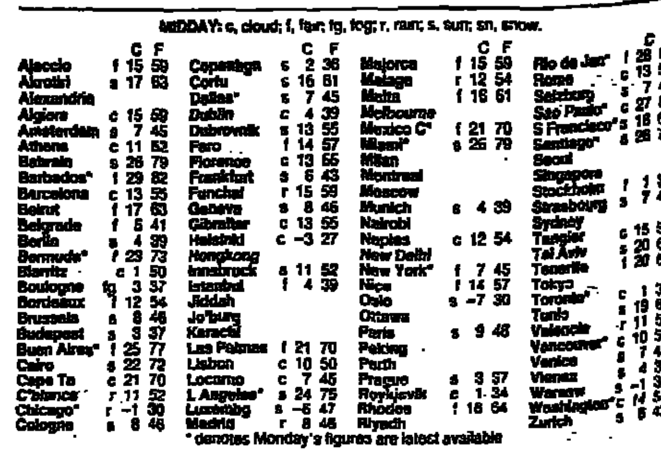


NOON TODAY

High tides



Around Britain



Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available